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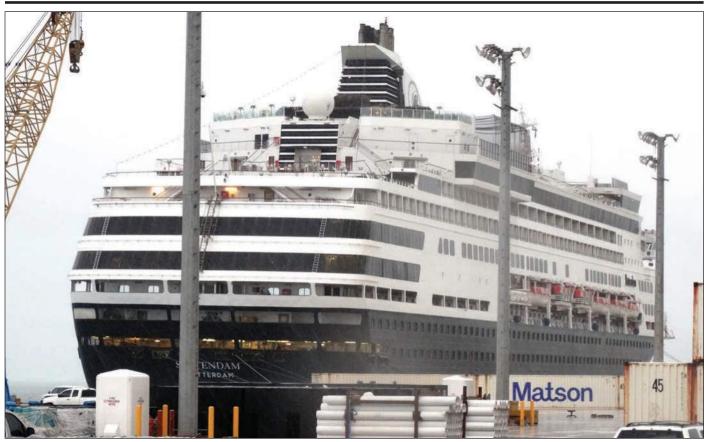
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# Fire engulfs Camaro in Marpi



The Statendam cruise ship arrived yesterday morning to dreary weather at the Port of Saipan.

DENNIS B. CHAN

## isturbance to pass through Marianas today

By FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA REPORTER

A tropical disturbance that is being monitored east of the CNMI may become a tropical depression when it passes through the region today. As of 6pm yesterday, the Joint Typhoon

>> May develop into a tropical depression as it passes

>> Wet weather expected in the next days

Warning Center issued a tropical cyclone formation alert, meaning the disturbance may become a tropical depression within the next 12 to 24 hours.

"It's possible, it's developing," National Weather Service-Guam weather forecaster Mike Ziobro told Saipan Tribune. "It might be right over us

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By FERDIE DE LA TORRE ferdie\_delatorre@saipantribune.com

fire of still unknown cause engulfed a yellow Camaro that was rented by a group of tourists at Banzai Cliff in Marpi on Sunday afternoon.

No one was reported injured, according to Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services spokesman Derek Gersonde last night.

Gersonde said DFEMS re-

ceived a call from the Department of Public Safety dispatch about a vehicle on fire at Banzai Cliff on Sunday at 2:52pm.

Firefighters from the Susupe

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## No classes today for PSS schools

By FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

Classes in public schools are suspended today, Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan announced last night.

In a social media update, the CNMI Joint Information Center posted the announcement from

Sablan. It said the suspension is due to the bad weather brought by the tropical disturbance that is now being monitored east of the CNMI.

"Students do not need to report to class to ensure their safety due to heavy rain, thunderstorm, and flooding associated

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## Delta down to one daily flight soon

By DENNIS B. CHAN

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Beyond Oct. 22, Dela Air Lines will be flying just one daily flight to the CNMI, down from its regular twice a day flight—as announced earlier.

Ryoko Matsumoto, of Delta's Corporate Communications,

told Saipan Tribune yesterday that during the winter season-beyond Oct. 22-Delta will operate a single daily flight between Tokyo and Saipan that would leave Narita, Japan, at 10:25am and arrive at the Saipan International Airport at 3:05pm.

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The bleaching of colorful coral is spreading into a worldwide, devastating crisis.

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Europe is seeing a record surge of child asylum seekers fleeing war and poverty at home.



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Thailand's beauty queen will dress like a tuk-tuk at the Miss Universe.

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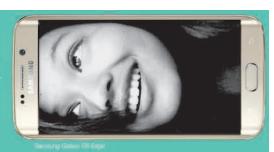
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## DOUBLE YOUR DATA

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## Local

## Open photography contest gets close to 200 entries

By FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

In just a week, close to 200 entries have been submitted to Best Sunshine Live's open photography competition.

"We are really happy about the number of submissions. I think it really reflects the interest of the public and the attention from the public in terms of the recovery and the whole relief and recovery effort," Best Sunshine International, Ltd. chief services officer Tao Xing said.

Xing said five judges will be looking at the entries but they may have to add some people to make sure they have full repre-

The awarding ceremonies as well as the presentation of the artwork are now in the works.

"The committee will discuss to make sure that we have a sort of proper process for the submissions and make sure that all of the artists and the work, their efforts are recognized," Xing said.

For Xing, Typhoon Soudelor's effects in the CNMI is part of its history and that moments showing the resiliency of the people as they recover should be treasured and documented.

"All these moments are really uplifting. I think this really reflects the spirit of the island, of the people," Xing said.

He said he was inspired after seeing a bunch of flame tree flowers still attached to a downed tree a day after Typhoon Soudelor.

"I thought that was a great symbol of resiliency. How did that bunch of flowers survive those winds? That really had a visual impact on me," he said.

He added that he was able to see some of the entries and is looking forward to seeing all

of them.

"Putting together the picture, the caption, telling a story, some of them really moved me," Xing said.

"My concern is these are all really good stories. How do we make sure that they come out in terms of how to really value the right. I think the competition is

PASAI: Advocating for good governance

one platform," he added.

Xing said they are also thinking about some other platform where people who are deeply involved in recovery can tell their stories.

"We're welcome to any ideas artworks, the artists," Xing said.

## Public warned of hazardous surf today

Increasing swell and waves from a tropical disturbance east of the Marianas will cause surf to rise to hazardous levels across the Marianas, according to the CNMI Emergency Operations Center.

A high surf advisory is now in effect until 6pm Wednesday.

Surf was projected to rise to hazardous levels on east and north facing reefs of Saipan and Tinian last night and early this morning on Rota. Surf heights will peak on east facing reefs of Saipan and Tinian between 11 and 14 feet late Tuesday morning while Rota can expect hazardous surf of up to 12 feet by

Tuesday afternoon. The hazardous surf threat will shift to the south and west facing reefs of the Marianas late Tuesday afternoon as the system moves west of the islands.

A small craft advisory is in effect until 6pm today, Tuesday.

A tropical disturbance will cause winds and seas to become hazardous to small craft. Expect winds of 20 to 25 knots with higher gusts in heavier showers while seas will rise to between 11 and 14 feet Tuesday. Seas will be higher across Saipan and Tinian waters. Winds and seas will begin to subside early

Tuesday afternoon and could fall below advisory levels late Tuesday afternoon.

Mariners and the general public, especially those operating smaller vessels, should avoid boating in these conditions. If travel by boat is necessary, avoid sailing near reef lines and shoaling areas. Exercise caution when entering or leaving harbors and inlets, as breaking waves can easily capsize your boat. Also, avoid venturing into the water along exposed reefs and beaches especially those facing north as rip currents will be life threatening. (EOC)

Workshop participants, from left, PASAI Advocate Eroni Vatuloka, Speaker to National Parliament Ajilon Nasiu, and PAC Chairman Hon Rick Hou, Acting Auditor General Robert Cohen, Clerk to National Parliament Clezy Rore and Committee secretary staff and members of Parliament. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Given delays in processing financial audits in the Pacific region, the Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions, or PASAI, was in Honiara in September to support the government officials who are responsible for preparing government accounts and for scrutinizing those accounts after they are audited.

Key government officials came together to talk about the role of Members of Parliament in overseeing how public funds are spent and the role of the Public Accounts Committee and the Public Expenditure Committee within the Solomon Islands Parliamentary processes.

Eroni Vatuloka facilitated the workshop alongside Acting Auditor-General Robert Cohen. Vatuloka is the newly appointed Advocate for PASAI and came to the Solomon Islands at the invitation of Cohen.

Vatuloka said: "The Office of the Auditor-General is one of a number of integrity agencies that has found it hard to get its recommendations implemented. The intention of the workshop was to establish and then to continue to build a working relationship with the Committees."

PASAI is able to bring a regional perspective to their workshops, sharing Pacific-wide experiences and circumstances.

Speaker of the National Parliament, Ajilon Nasiu, opened proceedings, stating: "There is a growing awareness among citizens about the role Parliamentary Committees play on behalf of the people of the Solomon Islands." This growing awareness may be, in part, due to Chief Justice Albert Palmer declaring in January that the High Court would make corruption one of its priorities for 2015.

The workshop was based around presentations question-and-answer sessions about PASAI's forthcoming Accountability and Transparency report, about the different models of Public Accounts Committees and audit office across the Pacific, and how to read the audit opinions.

This was the first Public Accounts Committee workshop that PASAI has run under its new advocacy program and PASAI plans to run more across the Pacific. Key issues raised during discussions included the level of participation of the private sector in the scrutiny of government budgets, whether the Public Accounts Committee should engage civil society and non-government organizations, and independence of the Audit Office.

During the week, Vatuloka also presented to state-owned enterprises and statutory authorities; held meetings with the Permanent Secretary for Finance, Integrity Group Forum, and the Institute of the Solomon Island Accountants; and met with civil society and development partners.

PASAI is the official association of supreme audit institutions (government audit offices and similar organizations, known as SAIs) in the Pacific region. PASAI promotes transparent, accountable, effective, and efficient use of public sector resources in the Pacific. It contributes to that goal by helping its member SAIs improve the quality of public sector auditing in the Pacific to uniformly high standards. PASAI is supported by the Asian Development Bank, the governments of Australia and New Zealand, the International Association of Supreme Audit Institutions Development Initiative, and the World Bank. (PASAI)



## Bill introduced to regulate healthcare costs in NMI

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Sen. Sixto Igisomar (R-Saipan) has authored a bill to establish a claims and clinical data warehouse in the CNMI, comparable to other states in the U.S. mainland.

S.B. 19-61 aims to assess the total cost of healthcare in the CNMI by establishing this claims data warehouse. The bill aims to "improve accountability for how health insurance premiums are spent by requiring health insurance insurers and health care providers to submit reports on Medical Loss Ratio and claims and clinical data to the CNMI Insurance Commissioner'

Medical loss ratio, or MLR, is the percent of premium an insurer spends on claims and expenses that improve health care quality. If an insurer uses 80 cents out of every premium dollar to pay its customers' medical claims and activities that improve the quality of care, then the company has an MLR of 80 percent, for example.

The bill would direct the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. to establish this claims and clinical data warehouse. CHCC would establish a definition for plan year and calendar year, require insurers and providers

to provide claims and clinical data, and to conduct and report studies on the cost and quality of care, population health conditions, healthcare disparities, and other health matters.

The bill further requires health insurance issuers to report to the insurance commission on MLR and medical claims to "enable oversight over how health insurance companies spend premium dollars," the bill states.

CHCC, the insurance commissioner, and the local Medicaid program would cooperate in governance of the claims database, the bill states.

"...The regulation of health

of the Department of Public

Works. The college president

insurance cost, coverage, and medical loss ratios are important to ensure that consumers receive value for premiums paid; health insurance and healthcare is affordable and accessible in the CNMI; and, that transparency exists in health insurance and health care," the bill states.

"Without reporting MLR and claims by insurers and establishing the authority of the insurance commissioner to establish acceptable MLR ratios, the CNMI will not be able to effectively review rates and ensure that consumers receive value for premiums paid.

"Information regarding the

will be expenditure authority

for the NMC funds.

cost and quality of healthcare services and health insurance programs must be available to consumers so that the best healthcare decisions can be made for themselves and their families. The Legislature finds

that a lack of cost transparency may obscure price variations for medical services and health insurance premiums within the Commonwealth, thus obstructing access to healthcare for CNMI residents," the bill states.

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## New laws move funds from infra tax fund to community projects

By DENNIS B. CHAN

Gov. Eloy S. Inos signed into law last week several local bills that moved money from Saipan's infrastructure tax fund to community projects across the island.

Inos signed into law Saipan Local Law 19-5, which appropriates \$105,000 from the Third Senatorial District Developers Infrastructure Tax Fund. According to the bill, \$40,000 will go to infrastructure improvements of the San Vicente basketball court. Improvements include sewage, restroom facilities, improved lighting and electrical systems, and a perimeter fence.

The bill also moved \$425,000 to infrastructure improvements for the San Antonio Youth Center basketball court. The bill moves \$10,000 for improvements to Precinct 1 roads, and \$30,000 for the infrastructure improvements to Pakpak Beach.

Inos signed Saipan Local Law 19-7, which appropriates \$110,000 from the infrastructure tax fund. That amount will go to drainage and flood control projects in Chalan Kanoa.

Inos also signed Saipan Local Law 19-8, which likewise moves \$365,171.83 from the infrastructure tax fund. A total of \$25,000 will go to electrical system improvements at San Ignacio Road in Talofofo Village; \$10,0000 for flooding control at the intersection of Tun Thomas Sablan Road and Batto Pl; \$40,000 for anti-skid paving along Dandan Road; and \$10,000 for a speed bump on Alupyang Place in Chalan Piao.

The bill also appropriates \$280,171.83 to the Northern Marianas College for electrical, water, and sewer system upgrades.

Other than the NMC appropriation, the expenditure authority of the appropriations of these bills is the secretary

## Inos OKs \$1M for NMC repairs

By DENNIS B. CHAN

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos has signed into law an appropriations bill moving \$1 million to the Northern Marianas College for repairs and renovations following Typhoon Soudelor.

House Local Bill 19-10,S1, D2 also moves \$8,865 for the utility costs for the basketball courts in Precinct IV.

The bill appropriates \$1 illion from the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance to assist in the repair and renovation of facilities at the Northern Marianas College's As Terlaje campus from damage caused by Soudelor.

NMC earlier reported that of the 18 buildings that sustained damage from the storm, four are inoperable.

According to the bill, the expenditure authority of these funds will be the president of the college. The president will report on a quarterly basis the expenditure of these funds to the chairman of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative

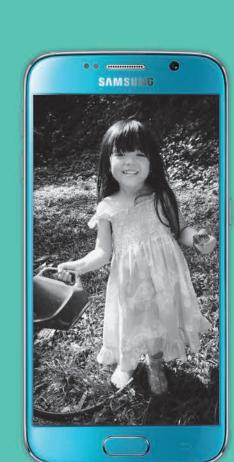
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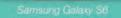
The local bill also moved money to the Board of Parole and stated that the appropriated funds cannot be re-appropriated but Inos vetoed these provisions.

Inos, in a letter to the House last week, said the provision that moves money to the Board of Parole runs afoul of the local law definition by not specifying that the appropriation is limited and exclusive to the Third Senatorial District or Saipan According to Inos, unlike the other provisions of the bill, the provision did not specify the third senatorial district.

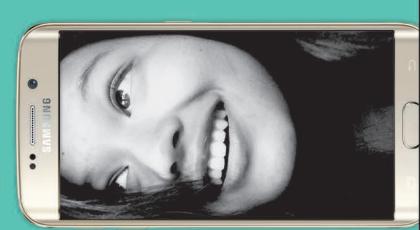
Legislative delegations from each senatorial district are limited to local bills that pertain to matters within their district, according to the NMI Constitution.

Inos also vetoed a provision that prevents the appropriations from being re-appropriated, citing law that prevents local delegations from passing bills that limit future delegations from amending existing local laws.









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## Delta earns top honors for customer service from JD Power

For the second year in a row, Delta's Reservatibons Premium Sales and Service teams have been recognized for customer service excellence by the J.D. Power Certified Contact Center Program.

The certification signifies that Delta's Premium Sales and Service teams, which provide assistance to customers including SkyMiles Diamond, Platinum and Gold Medallion members, have attained the high benchmark established by J.D. Power for contact center customer service and operational performance.

"I would like to thank our Premium Sales and Service colleagues, along with all of our Reservation Sales and Customer Care employees, for their

hard work and commitment to our customers," said Ed Bastian, Delta's president. "Earning this recognition for the second consecutive year is important validation that Delta people continue to deliver exceptional customer experiences."

The certification process conducted by J.D. Power, the global marketing information services company, took months to complete and required Delta to pass an audit of best practices for contact centers. This included comprehensive customer satisfaction surveys randomly conducted by J.D. Power, as well as site visits to Delta's centers in Chisholm, Minn., Cincinnati, Minneapolis/St. Paul, and Salt Lake City, whose teams assist with Premium Sales and Service calls.

"We are honored to once again achieve this respected distinction from J.D. Power based on the high level of customer service provided by our Premium Sales and Service specialists," said Charisse Evans, Delta's Vice President - Reservation Sales and Customer Care. "I am extremely proud of our dedicated colleagues who, along with the support of nearly 80,000 Delta employees worldwide, continue to raise the bar by exceeding our customers' expectations."

To earn J.D. Power certification, centers must perform within the top 20 percent of customer service scores based on criteria that include a specialist's courtesy, job knowledge

and concern for the customer, promptness in answering customer calls, and a timely resolution of the customer's request or problem. J.D. Power also evaluates the customer's ease in navigating a company's interactive voice response system, the clarity of information provided by the system, and the ease of understanding the phone menu instructions.

J.D. Power said its research indicated, "Customers calling the Delta Premium Sales and Service team rated them particularly well on the automated phone system, as well as on their representatives' courtesy, knowledge and concern, timeliness of resolution, and promptness in speaking to the representative." (Delta)

## Environmental management options for deep sea minerals dev't explored

NADI, Fiji—Recognizing the importance of a consultative approach to the topic of deep sea minerals, the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, in collaboration with the European Union Deep Sea Minerals Project, recently held a regional workshop in Fiji on environmental management options for deep sea minerals development.

Representatives from 11 Pacific Island governments, civil society groups, the private sector and international environment experts participated in the weeklong workshop in Nadi.

Comprising panel discussions, working group activities, presentations by mining companies and international environment experts, the workshop was an opportune time for participants to ask experts relevant questions about the environmental issues and impacts associated with deep sea mining.

A major component of the workshop involved a review of two important regional environmental documents that will serve as guides for Pacific Island countries.

Firstly, the Regional Environment Management Framework contains an Environment Impact Assessment template developed for deep sea minerals activities, and secondly, the Regional Deep Sea Minerals Scientific Research Guideline has been written for Pacific Island countries and territories to use to develop their respective national marine science guidelines or regulations.

These documents are aimed to assist Pacific states to ensure that marine scientific research, prospecting, exploration and mining activities re-

Station and medics from Gara-

pan Fire Station as well as ar-

son investigators arrived at the

scene at 3:05pm, Gersonde said.

tinguished and under control.

By 3:29pm, the fire was ex-

"The cause of the fire is still

under investigation by the Ar-

son Investigation Unit," Ger-

lating to deep sea minerals are well managed and performed in accordance with international standards and best environmental practice.

In addition to the workshop's environment management component, civil society representatives attending the workshop held a meeting amongst themselves to discuss ways in which they can better engage in deep sea mining discussions; as well as their positions on deep sea mining and issues they wish to raise with the experts.

"There's still more to learn about how the ocean environment may be affected by deep sea minerals exploration and mining activities, given this type of mining is yet to commence in the Pacific Islands region," SPC Deep Sea Minerals project manager Akuila Tawake said.

"It's important for Pacific governments to possess greater in depth knowledge of the environmental management of deep sea minerals and how to implement effective strategies that will ensure seabed resources are properly and responsibly managed," he added.

Pacific countries represented at the regional meeting include Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu and Palau.

This was the eighth regional workshop in the SPC-European Union Deep Sea Minerals Project series.

Deep sea minerals occurring in the Exclusive Economic Zones of many Pacific Island countries are increasingly being recognized as a future potential source of economic development. (SPC)



#### BEER CANS AT FISHING BASE

Whoever left behind these empty beer cans under a tree at Garapan Fishing Base has no regard for Saipan's anti-littering law. Saipan Tribune took the photo last Saturday afternoon. The CNMI has seven agencies involved in anti-littering law, but it was reported that the average number of apprehensions and citations since 1997 is a mere six.

#### **PSS**

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with this tropical disturbance," the statement said.

However, all PSS staff on Saipan—except for 190-day employees—are required to report for work.

A PSS statement last night said Professional Development on Tinian and Rota are expected as scheduled.

"The classes are suspended as a precaution due to the forming weather system. Also, there are precautionary measures that

are in place for all of our public elementary, middle and high schools that cover proper protection and safeguarding of our school facilities," Sablan said in the statement.

"We are just slowly recovering from the devastation of Typhoon Soudelor and to mitigate further damage to our public school facilities and ensure continued safety and security of our students and staff, we are initiating this temporary suspension of school instruction for Oct. 13, 2015," she added.

The education chief also encouraged public school students, parents, guardians, and the community to constantly monitor updates coming from the school district, by visiting our PSS website (www.cnmipss.org) and local media partners.

#### Other schools

Mt. Carmel School said they will still have classes today unless there will be a declarations of Condition 2.

"Although the CNMI Public School System has cancelled classes for Tuesday, Oct. 13, per Mount Carmel School policy as outlined in the 2015-2016 MCS Handbook, classes will proceed

as scheduled on Tuesday, Oct. 13, unless a Typhoon Condition 2 or Tropical Storm Condition 2 has been declared by the Office of the Governor," the statement said.

Saipan Community School also announced through social media that they will still have classes today.

The Northern Marianas International School at the Marianas Business Plaza announced last night that it has cancelled classes for today.

The Saipan International School said in a Facebook posting that they will have classes today.

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**FIRE** 

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"Since six B747-400s will be with lower fuel surcharge,"

sonde said.

No other details were provided. Saipan Tribune learned that the car belongs to Summit Car Rental. The company's owner said he has no details about the incident but stated that no one

The owner said his manager can provide more information. Saipan Tribune tried to contact the manager last night, but he did not answer his phone.

#### DELTA

Delta usually flies two flights, one in the morning and another in the afternoon.

retired by the end of 2015, Delta's overall seat capacity on the resort markets will be reduced from the 2015 winter season. Delta will also reduce frequencies on the flights to Honolulu and Saipan during winter season due to continued yen devaluation and average fare decline Delta said in a statement. The reduced flights were ear-

lier announced in May.

According to arrival statistics provided by the Marianas Visitors Authority, the year 2015 has seen a reduction in Japanese arrivals every month compared to

the previous fiscal year. For August, MVA reported 6,991 Japanese arrivals compared to 12,362 during the same period last year. For July, this was at 5,624, compared to 6,307 the same time the previous year. In June, the arrival count was at 6,305 compared to 7,601 the previous year.

#### DISTURBANCE

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when it becomes a depression." NWS said residents of the Marianas should stay informed

especially if the disturbance develops faster than expected. In a weather statement released last night, NWS and the

CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management said the disturbance is expected to

pass through the Marianas today as it moves west-northwest.

Showers and thunderstorms were expected to increase last night as the system approached the Marianas.

Heaviest showers are possible during the passage of the disturbance as well as winds of 25 to 35 miles per hour with gusts to 45 miles per hour.

For Saipan and Tinian waters, gusty northeast winds were expected to develop, while gusty southwest winds was expected on Rota.

"It's possible to get higher gusts especially for the coastal areas," Ziobro said.

NWS and HSEM advised mariners to avoid boating as seas are expected to build into a range of 10 to 15 feet and is hazardous for the operation of small craft.

Showers and thunderstorms with occasional lightning are also expected tonight.

Ziobro said models show that the disturbance is expected to further develop after it passes the Marianas and when it is over the Philippine Sea.

Rainy weather conditions may still be experienced in the coming days.

Ziobro said the wet weather pattern could be expected the entire week as another circulation, although still weak, is being monitored further east of the CNMI.

## Dynasty's foreign workers appeal to 9th Circuit

and former workers of Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino are appealing to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit the federal court's denial of their request to amend their lawsuit over the denials of their CW-1 visa petitions.

The workers are also appealing to the Ninth Circuit the federal court's dismissal of their lawsuit for lack of jurisdiction.

The workers, through counsel Bruce Berline, informed the U.S. District Court for the NMI last week about their appeal that seeks to overturn the court's decisions.

Last Sept. 8, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona denied

The over 500 foreign current the workers' request to amend their lawsuit.

> Manglona ruled that as stated in her prior decision and order, the workers may re-file their lawsuit once the administrative appeals of Hong Kong Entertainment (Overseas) Investments Ltd.'s petitions on their behalf are completed. HKE owns Tinian Dynasty.

> The workers have filed a lawsuit against Department of Homeland Secretary Jeh Johnson, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Director Leon Rodriguez, and USCIS California Service Center Director Kathy A. Baran over the USCIS' denial of HKE's 197 CNMI-only Transitional Worker (CW-1) petitions involving

693 beneficiaries.

Berline filed the lawsuit as counsel for Belal Hossain, Wenli Zhong, Pukar Patel, and 500 unknown co-plaintiffs.

Last May, Manglona dismissed the workers' lawsuit, ruling that the decision to deny HKE's CW-1 visa petitions for

their foreign workers is clearly not final and that the Administrative Appeals Office is currently reviewing it.

Because HKE's petition denials are not final, Manglona said the court lacks jurisdiction and must dismiss the case.

Manglona, however, said

lawsuit after the Administrative Appeals Office has issued its decision and the agency's action is final.

The plaintiffs then asked for permission to file an amended complaint.

That, however, would be

the workers may refile the futile, according to Sarah L. Vuong, trial attorney for the Department of Justice Office of Immigration Litigation. She argued that plaintiffs' amended complaint does not remedy the fatal flaws of their original complaint. (Ferdie de la Torre)

#### Mail package thief pleads guilty

for stealing two Apple iPads and two Apple iPhones from the mail pleaded guilty last week as part of a plea deal.

Randy A. Sablan pleaded guilty to unauthorized mail opening, which carries a maximum penalty of a one-year imprisonment, a \$100,000 fine, and a one-year supervised re-

A man charged in federal court lease. He will be sentenced on Feb. 19, 2016.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona vacated the jury trial set for today, Tuesday.

Assistant U.S. attorney Ross Naughton did not object to Sablan's continued release pending sentencing.

Sablan was accused of open-

ing a piece of mail that was not directed to him on Nov. 19, 2012. A few months later, on April 28, 2013, he opened a package that was addressed to a certain postal box. The package contained two iPhones. The defendant allegedly stole the two iPhones.

The information charged Sablan with two counts of unauthorized mail opening and one count of misuse of postal

property. As part of the plea deal, for pleading guilty to one count of unauthorized mail opening, the U.S. government agreed to dismiss the remaining charges.

An indictment was previously filed charging Sablan with mail theft, and two counts of obstruction of mail. The prosecution dismissed the indictment then filed the information. (Ferdie de la Torre)

#### White's law firm sues massage parlor over advertising sign

Attorney Michael A. White's law firm is suing a massage parlor for installing a sign in front of the entrance to his law firm

White asked the Superior Court to issue an order preventing Folucky Corp., owner of I Love Massage, from putting up any advertising signs unless it obtains approval from J.C. Tenorio Enterprises Inc.

White's law firm and I Love Massage are both lessees at Joeten Center Building I, which faces Beach Road. White's law firm is on the second floor, while I Love Massage is on the first floor.

The lawyer asked the court to stop I Love Massage from putting up any sign that extends above the level of the walkway, or is attached to the railing in front of his law firm.

White wants the court to order Folucky Corp. to remove the currently partially-installed sign and all supporting hard-

Saipan Tribune could not find I Love Massage's contact number on the phone directory.

According to White, I Love Massage began installing a sign advertising its massage parlor business on Sept. 18, 2015, directly in front of the entrance to his place of business.

The sign, he said, was at- die de la Torre)

tached to the walkway, which provides access to his place of business, and to the railing that borders the walkway. The lawyer said the sign is more than 18 feet in width, and extends about 18 inches above the level of the walkway.

He said the sign is directly in front of the entrance to his place of business, and extends more than 10 feet to either side of the entrance.

He said Folucky Corp. has drilled numerous holes in the walkway, which may compromise its structural integrity and pose a danger to persons going into and out of his office.

He said the sign is attached to the railing by a number of metal strips that appear to him to be unsafe and are unpleasant in ap-

He said the walkway and the railing constitute common areas of the building.

White pointed out that Section 7 of the lease provides that the common areas are "under the sole control of" J.C. Tenorio Enterprises.

White said he has no objection if defendant installs its sign below the level of the walkway. He said he has made numerous requests that defendant do so, but Folucky Corp. has consistently refused. (Fer-

## Delta tops US airlines in August for on-time arrivals, cancel rate

cancelled less and arrived more on-time than any of the 13 U.S. airlines that report statistics to the U.S. government in August, according to the Department of Transportation in its monthly Air Travel Consumer Report out Thursday.

Completion factor ran at 99.9 percent and on-time arrivals within 14 minutes of schedule, the DOT's metric, clocked-in at 85.5 percent.

Mishandled baggage reports

Delta Air Lines flights were per 1,000 passengers finished at 2.43, third place of the 13 DOT-reporting carriers but first among the four airlines that carried the most passengers during the month.

> Internally, Delta maintains a competitive set of Alaska Airlines, American Airlines/ US Airways, JetBlue Airways, Southwest Airlines and United Airlines in respect to a monthly employee performance bonus program in completion factor, on-time arrivals and baggage handling. (Delta)



## 'Gap in sexual offense law should be handled legislatively'

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho is concerned about the gap in the sexual offense law but believes the proper approach would be to handle this issue legislatively.

Camacho said if both sexual assault and sexual abuse of a minor statutes apply in a particular case, the Commonwealth potentially runs the risk of multiplicitous charges and confusion of the jury.

"As tempting as it is to simply bend the adult sexual assault statute into the sexual abuse of a minor statute, the Judicial Branch must respect the separation of powers. The Judiciary can only interpret the law as enacted," he pointed out.

Camacho discussed the sex offense law in his amicus curiae brief filed Friday in the CNMI Supreme Court in connection with a criminal case against George Norris Langu Jr., an 18-year-old student accused of raping his 16-year-old neighbor on Saipan. The judge asked the high court to deny the government's petition for a writ of mandamus.

An amicus curiae (friend of the court) refers to a brief filed in court by an entity that is not a party to the case.

The Office of the Attorney General filed the petition for a writ of mandamus, asking the CNMI Supreme Court to step in to correct the alleged mistake Camacho made in dismissing the first-degree sexual assault charge filed against Langu.

Assistant attorney general Matthew C. Baisley asked the high court to instruct Camacho to reinstate the sexual assault charge. Baisley also asked the high court to instruct the trial court that there is no legislative loophole in the first-degree sexual assault statute.

In his *amicus* brief, Camacho said what is required is for the Legislature to make a simple amendment to plug the loophole. Camacho cited that Title Six, Chapter 3 of the Commonwealth Code provides two parallel schemes for sexual assault/ abuse, depending upon the age of the victim.

He said minor victims are treated differently from adult victims, and in cases of minor victims, the case is charged under the sexual abuse of a minor provisions of the statute.

He said there is no consent provision in the sexual abuse of a minor statute, as minors are presumed to be incapable of consent. If the victim is not a minor, Camacho said, then sexual assault statute would apply.

He pointed out that sexual assault and sexual abuse of a minor are not lesser-included offenses of one another.

Camacho said the Legislature treats these two types of victims differently, in part because of the idea that minors are incapable of legally consenting to sexual activity, and in part because sexual activity is considered an adult behavior that only adults may consent to.

Camacho said when the Legislature revised the statutes related to sexual offenses, the Legislature was troubled by the fact that under the law at the time, the laws related to sexual abuse of children "[made] no distinction between different types of conduct that an offender might engage in; nor does it draw any distinction based on the respective ages of the offender and the victim."

In particular, he said, the Legislature highlighted situations where, under the previous law, "a 50-year-old offender having sexual intercourse with an infant child is treated the same as an 18-year-old offender who fondles the breast of his 15-year-old girlfriend"—both would be charged with the same crime and would receive the same maximum sentence.

In making these provisions, Camacho said, the Legislature was concerned with differentiating between different age groups.

As a part of these revisions, he said, the Legislature separately broke down sexual assault and sexual abuse of a minor into four degrees (first to fourth degrees).

In ensuring that there would be protection for teenagers close in age, called the "Romeo and Juliet exception," Camacho said the Legislature inadvertently left a "black hole" with regard to teenagers who would fall within the exception but who do not consent.

The "Romeo and Juliet exception" refers to provisions in the Criminal Code decriminalizing sexual contact between an adult and a minor, provided there is only a small age difference between the two. This exception applies to defendants who are 18 and older who are having sexual relations with a minor who is 16 or 17 and less than three years younger than them.

Camacho said when a victim is a minor, the case is charged as a sexual abuse of a minor.

He said if the minor falls within the age gap provided in sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree, third degree, and fourth degree, the "Romeo and Juliet Exception," there is no statutory provision to allow the alleged offender to be charged instead under the sexual assault statute.

Camacho said the government is focused on the wording of sexual assault in the first degree statute, without taking into account the separate schemes established by the Legislature in designing the sexual offense statute.

"Quite simply, minor victims are treated differently from adult victims, and the code sections pertaining to minor victims unfortunately do not address what occurs if there is an alleged sexual offense with a minor victim where the defendant and the alleged victim would fall within the 'Romeo and Juliet exception," he said.

Camacho said using the adult sexual offense statute of sexual assault to fill a gap in the minor sexual offense statute of sexual abuse of a minor would potentially erode the protections to minors provided under the sexual abuse of a minor statute.

Camacho said the first factor required for a writ of mandamus is that the party seeking the writ has no other adequate means, such as a direct appeal, to attain the relief desired.

The judge said the government argues that, as a finding of no probable cause is not in itself appealable, they have no other avenue for relief.

Camacho, however, emphasized that, prior to filing this writ, the government filed its motion to reconsider. Rather than allowing the trial court to hear the pending motion to reconsider, the government filed its petition for writ, he said.

## WIOA Dislocated Worker Funding Program

#### If any of these categories apply to you, please contact WIA.

Category A: General Dislocated Workers. To qualify, an individual must meet the following three criteria:

- Has been terminated or laid off, or has received a notice of termination or layoff, from employment;
- Is eligible for or has exhausted entitlement to unemployment compensation; OR has been employed or attached to the workforce for a duration sufficient to demonstrate to WIOA, but is not eligible for unemployment compensation due to insufficient earnings or having performed services for an employer that were not covered under a state unemployment compensation law; and
- Is unlikely to return to a previous industry or occupation.

Category B: Plant Closure. To qualify, an individual must meet one of the following three criteria:

- Has been terminated or laid off, or has received a notice of termination or layoff, from employment as a result of any permanent closure of, or any substantial layoff at, plant, facility, or enterprise;
- Is employed at a facility at which the employer has made a general announcement that such facility close within 180 days; or
- For purpose of eligibility to receive services other than training, intensive or supportive services under WIOA, is employed at a facility at which the employer has made general announcement that such facility will close.

Category C: Self Employed or Unemployed. To qualify, an individual must meet the following criteria:

Was self employed (including employment as a farmer, a rancher, or a fisherman) but is unemployed as a result of general economic conditions in the community in which the individual resides or because of natural disasters.

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**DISPLACED HOMEMAKER**—The term "displaced homemaker" means an individual who has been providing unpaid services to family members in the home and who-

- (A) (i) has been dependent on the income of another family member
  - but is no longer supported by that income; or (ii) is the dependent spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty (as defined in section 101(d)(1) of title 10, United States Code) and whose family income is significantly reduced because of a deployment (as defined in section 991(b) of title 10, United States Code, or pursuant to paragraph (4) of such section), a call or order to active duty pursuant to a provision of law referred to in section 101(a)(13)(B) of title 10, United States Code, a permanent change of station, or the service-connected (as defined in section 101(16) of title 38, United States Code) death or disability of the member; and
- (B) is unemployed or underemployed and is experiencing difficulty in obtaining or upgrading employment.

#### Category E:

- 1. Is the spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty (as defined in section 101(d)(1) of title 10, United States Code), and who has experienced a loss of employment as a direct result of relocation to accommodate a permanent change in duty station of such member; or
- Is the spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty and who meets the criteria described in Displaced Homemaker Definition (B).

You may be able to qualify for services under WIOA's Dislocated Worker Funding Program. All other program eligibility requirements apply.

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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#### help for dog shelter, other facilities The Saipan Mayor's Office is dog shelter, which was badly in the process of applying for devastated by Typhoon Soudepublic assistance from the Federal Emergency Management

Saipan Mayor's Office seeks FEMA

Agency. Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang said they are now waiting for FEMA to assess some of their facilities, including the dog shelter in Lower Base, the nursery at Chalan Kanoa, and the Sugar King Park.

"We turned in our request for assistance," he said. "I hope they can check us out so we can get some funding so we can repair, especially the facilities in the dog kennel area."

The Mayor's Office estimates that between \$200,000 and 350,000 is needed to repair the lor. No estimate was given for the two other sites.

"We're still waiting for the quotation for the Chalan Kanoa facility and the Sugar King Park," Apatang said.

The Sugar King Park also sustained damage as many trees fell, bringing with them some parts of the fence.

"I think we spent about a week there just cleaning up the place," Apatang said.

According to Apatang, if they fail to obtain FEMA funds for the dog shelter, they will look at other options. "I think there are federal grants on dogs, animal control." (Frauleine S. Villanueva)

This community outreach ad is funded by a grant made possible under the USDOL Employment and Training Administration.

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# TOO RISKY

#### The casino industry in China is slowing. China's economy is slowing.

Chinese casinos are facing hard economic times. Why would we think that a casino in Saipan will do better than a casino in China? A quick review of the news on the internet will tell you that this casino is too risky for CNMI. Do we really want to take the chance? No, we don't. This is why we shouldn't put all our eggs in one basket. For 37 years, Kan Pacific has been a responsible and valuable tenant. Forcing it out of business for a speculative idea is economically irresponsible.

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Las Vegas Review-Journal - August 3, 2015

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Financial Times - August 31, 2015

Macau gaming plunges 36pc, new casinos fail to spark visits

THe Maiay May Online - September 1, 2015

Gaming revenues tumble as China cracks down on corruption

The Economist - July 29, 2015

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## Island Snapshots





**BUILDING STRONGER**' FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA Department of Public Works acting building safety official Tom Deleon Guerrero shared information on how the public can build better, stronger, and safer at the Chamber of Commerce meeting at



FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA
FEMA private sector division assistant external affairs officer Susan
Langhoff reminded the public that it is important to take the extra



steps to to build better, safer, and stronger.

FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA Hazard mitigation branch director John Synnott added that it is key for people who are rebuilding to work with the DPW to ensure better facilities.



Over 300 individuals joined the Pacific Century Fellows-Marianas Chapter 5K Run last Oct. 3 in support of Project Ayudu.

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Tan Holdings employees are among those who joined the PCF 5K: Back on our Feet at Garapan.



PRISON VISIT

Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres is led through the Department of Corrections halls by officials on Friday during a visit to the facility to announce a new rehabilitation program for inmates.



FEDERAL VISIT

Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Esther Kia'aina, Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas for the U.S. Department of Interior, share a light moment during a press conference at the Office of the Governor on Wednesday last week. Kia'aina was on the island to check the recovery efforts and mitigation plans after Typhoon Soudelor.



#### **SEARCH AND RESCUE EXERCISE**

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The Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services conducts an unannounced exercise for the Search and Rescue Unit at Suicide Cliff on July 30, 2015. The exercise was to test their activation, readiness, endurance, response time, as well as how the team conducts their mission as a unit. There are a total of 10 firefighters in the Search and Rescue unit. The teams mission was to meet at the summit of Suicide Cliff and every man on the unit must rappel down roughly 820 feet above sea level. Once the entire unit had reached the bottom, they had to hike with all their rescue equipment out of the jungle and back up the summit. The total exercise lasted 3.5 hours.

## Scientists: Major coral bleaching crisis spreads worldwide

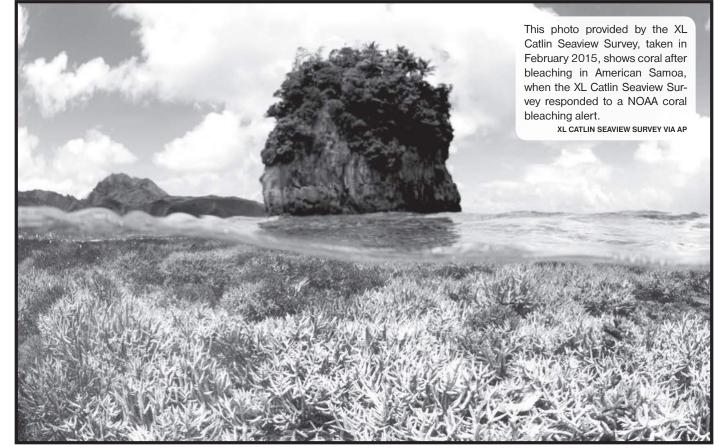
bleaching of colorful coral is spreading into a worldwide, devastating crisis, scientists say, and they predict it will likely get worse.

Triggered by global warming and the El Nino, record hot ocean water is causing fragile coral to go white and often die, threatening picturesque reefs that are hotspots of marine life, experts say.

The spread of sickly white started more than a year ago in Guam, then devastated Hawaii, infected the rest of the tropical Pacific and the Indian oceans and has now infested Florida and the Caribbean. On Thursday, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and international reef scientists pronounced it a global coral bleaching event, only the third in recorded history.

No place with coral has been spared, though some regions—such as Hawaii—have been hit harder than others, experts said. Excessive heat stresses the living coral, which turns white and then becomes vulnerable to disease.

"We may be looking at losing somewhere in the range of 10 to



20 percent of the coral reefs this year," NOAA coral reef watch coordinator Mark Eakin said. "The bad news for the U.S. is we're getting hit disproportionately just because of the pattern of the warming."

He called bleaching a crisis, especially with worsening global warming forecast for the rest of the century: "If that's not a crisis, what is?"

Eakin said he's especially concerned about Hawaii, which already suffered through bad bleaching in 2014.

"Hawaii is getting hit with the worst coral bleaching they have ever seen, right now," Eakin said. "It's severe. It's extensive. And it's on all the islands."

In one part of northwestern Hawaii, "the reef just completely bleached and all of the coral is dead and covered with scuzzy algae.'

Florida started getting hit in August. The middle Florida Keys aren't too bad, but in southeast Florida, bleaching has

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combined with disease to kill corals, Eakin said. It has also hit Cuba, Haiti and the Dominican Republic and is about to hit Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, he said.

> Warm water causes bleaching and ocean temperatures are at record high levels, partly because of steady manmade global warming and partly because of the El Nino, which is an oc

casional warming of the central Pacific that changes weather worldwide, Eakin said. Add to that Hawaii's "blob," a pool of warm water that has stagnated in the northeast Pacific.

The last super El Nino, in 1997-1998, was the first global bleaching event. A smaller El Nino in 2009-2010 was the

So far the 1998 bleaching

second year of an El Nino and we're in the first of two years now, Eakin said.

Oceans worldwide are by far the warmest on record-August 2015 was four-tenths of a degree warmer than in August 1998. Next year, he said, may be as bad as this vear or even worse.

NOAA produced forecasts of bleaching that show it as a giant red blob moving across the globe again. And what worries marine ecologist Gregor Hodgson, who heads the group ReefCheck, is the forecast that the blob will hit the Great Barrier Reef in Australia next spring.

The computer model forecasts "this horrendous dramatic" impact on the Great Barrier Reef, Hodgson said. "It's truly terrifying.'

This isn't just a problem for divers and fish; coral reefs are crucial globally, Eakin said. Coral reefs protect shorelines, produce tourism dollars and help provide food for 500 million people around the world, he said.

Even though coral reefs are one-tenth of 1 percent of the ocean floor by area, they are home to 25 percent of the world's fish species, Eakin said.

"You kill coral, you destroy reefs, you don't have a place for the fish to live," Eakin said.

## Flash flood watch in effect today

Based on information received from the national Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, and compiled at the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management, a tropical disturbance north of Chuuk could produce heavy rainfall across the Marianas through today, Tuesday, leading to localized flooding.

A flash flood watch is now in effect on Rota, Tinian, and Saipan through this afternoon.

The tropical disturbance may bring 3 to 6 inches of rain to the Marianas through this afternoon. Locally, higher amounts are possible as the disturbance moves through the Marianas today.

Roads in poor drainage areas could become temporarily flooded. Locations in low-lying areas and close to streams will be at risk of flooding.

The public is being advised to stay away from streams, drainage, ditches, and lowlying areas prone to flooding. Rainfall and runoff will also cause hazardous driving conditions due to ponding, reduced visibility, and poor braking action. Do not cross fast flowing or rising water in your vehicle or on foot. (HSEM)

#### **Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands** Office of the Secretary of Public Works

2nd Floor Joeten Commercial Building, Oleai, Saipan, MP 96950



#### INVITATION FOR BIDS **DPW-16-IFB-001**

Construction of Generator Housing and Supply, Delivery and Installation of New 40KV Generator and Electrical Connections for the Marpi Cemetery. Saipan

The project package will be available on or after October 06. 2015 at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment to One Hundred Dollars (US\$100.00) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001

There will be a Pre-bid Conference for this project on October 23, 2015, 2:00 p.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleal Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on October 27, 2015 to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Otela Joeten Commercial Centers, Sapan or fax to (670) 234-3347. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective

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The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an

Sealed bids must be marked "DPW-16-IFB-001". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, former Emerge Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Capitol Hill Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time <u>November 05. 2015</u>, Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working day receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time <u>November 05. 2015</u>, must be transmitted via flassimite to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com or canachof?4@pmail.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of leaded must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than November 05, 2015 and must be received no later than November 16, 2015. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Capitol Hill Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time November 19. 2015.
However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. local time, on November 16. 2015.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surely company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surely or other surely acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check. "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract. Acceptable assets are only

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Performance time for completion of this project is Ninety (90) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of One Hundred Dolars (US\$100.00) for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.;

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN

#### **COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

#### **Survivors, caregivers** support meeting on Thursday

All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregivers are invited to the next Commonwealth Cancer Association monthly support meeting on\_Thursday, Oct. 15, 2015, starting at 5:30pm at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's Chamolinian Room. Guest speaker will be Debra Brownlee, who holds a Ph.D. in clinical psychology. The topic of her presentation is: "Compassion Fatigue." Brownlee currently serves at the Community Guidance Center as program manager for the development of a children's mental health system in the CNMI.

To RSVP or for more information, call CCA at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@ gmail.com or cca@ccamarianas.org. (CCA)

#### **Catch KSPN2 News on**

#### radio and Internet

With Docomo cable TV still down due to Typhoon Soudelor, KSPN2 News continues to broadcast on the radio and Internet. Tune in to Magic 100.3 at 6pm Monday to Friday. You can also watch the news broadcast online at www.kspn2.com. For a higher quality, more mobilefriendly option after 8pm, check out www.saipantv.com. (PR)

#### **Dandan Middle School** calendar

- Oct. 16: Sengebau School Level Competition
- Oct. 17: First NJSDA meet
- Oct. 23: October Newsletter will be sent out! & Education
- Oct. 24: Math Court 1st Meet
- Oct. 26 30: Final Exam Week!
- Oct. 27: PTSA Meeting
- Oct. 30: End of First Quar-

#### TO THE AROVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HERBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Petition for Divorce which is given you herewith, within thirty (30) days after service of this Summons upon you.

YOUR ANSWER SHOULD BE IN WRITING and filed with the Clerk of Court, Guma' Hustisia, limwal Aweewe, House of Justice, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan, MP 96950 and served upon petitioner's counsel, Atty. Joe Hill, P.O. Box 500917, Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the By order of the above Court:

Dated this 8th day of September, 2015

/s/ Deputy of Clerk of Court Superior Court

## **Opinion**



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#### **EDITORIAL**

## Cutting through the fog of war

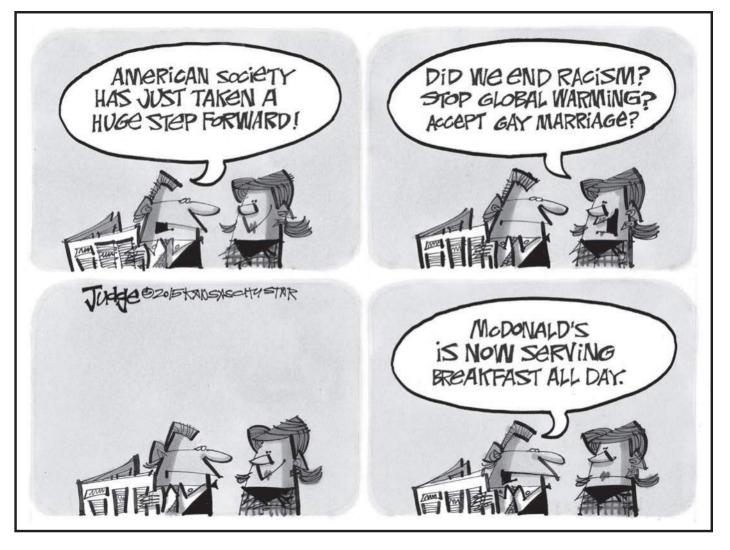
he U.S. bombing attack on a Doctors Without Borders hospital in Kunduz, Afghanistan, was grotesque, lasting more than half an hour and burning people alive—medical staff and patients alike—in the kind of facility that international rules of war recognize as a safe haven. There should have been no question about the nature of the work done in the building. Doctors Without Borders has operated the hospital for four years. It had reminded the U.S. and Afghan forces just days earlier of the hospital's location, and it reportedly told U.S. military officials mid-attack that it was under fire from a helicopter gunship. Yet the attack continued, destroying the facility, killing 12 staff members and 10 patients, including three children, and wounding 37 more.

The Pentagon, after some initial confusion about what had occurred, acknowledged that the hospital was mistakenly struck and promised to investigate, which is the appropriate response. Gen. John F. Campbell, who leads the U.S. forces in Afghanistan, reportedly suspects that U.S. troops failed to follow established protocol in approving and conducting the attack. That's troubling, if true, and the Pentagon should ensure that its investigation proceeds quickly and transparently, with an eye not only toward understanding what happened but also toward drafting procedures to reduce the chances of a repeat episode.

War, it is said, is conducted in a fog, and while civilian deaths are to be avoided and lamented, they are also inevitable. But the incident at the Kunduz hospital was more than a misdirected bomb. It was a sustained attack and, according to Campbell, seems not to have been justified under rules that limit U.S. military engagement to defending American and allied troops, supporting missions targeting al-Qaida and assisting Afghan forces if they are under attack and at risk of mass casualties. Although Campbell said the Afghan forces requested the air support, the decision to provide it and the approval of the target came from within the U.S. command. He told a Senate committee this week that he has ordered the "entire force to undergo in-depth training in order to review all of our operational authorities and rules of engagement."

Doctors Without Borders is understandably outraged by the attack, which led it to close its operations in Kunduz, a regrettable loss of medical support in that war-torn city. President Obama on Wednesday offered his apology to Joanne Liu, the head of Doctors Without Borders, but the organization is pressing its allegation that the attack constitutes a war crime and has called for a non-prosecutorial investigation by the International Humanitarian Fact-finding Commission under the Geneva Convention. The medical relief organization is within its rights to seek that independent assessment, and the U.S. government should cooperate.

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## No to the wholesale militarization of Pagan

By JEROME KAIPAT ALDAN
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Editor's Note: Due to its length, the following article is being published in two parts. The second part will be published tomorrow.

#### First of a two-part series

his letter provides the comments of the Northern Islands Mayor's Office on the Navy's Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Joint Military Training Project. I submit these comments for the record on behalf of the residents of the Northern Islands, particularly the Island of Pagan.

The Northern Islands Mayor's Office takes responsibility for promoting and protecting the health, welfare, environment and culture of the Northern Islands—consisting of Uracas (Farallon de Pajaros), Maug, Asuncion, Agrihan, Pagan, Alamagan, Guguan, Sarigan, Anatahan, and Farallon de Medinilla—and their residents, including those who have long been displaced. It will come as no surprise, then, that the Mayor's Office absolutely and completely opposes the project.

The Navy is proposing to take the entire island of Pagan, along with surrounding near-shore waters and submerged lands, from the indigenous residents and citizens of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for use in large-scale, live-fire combined military training exercises. Those exercises would allow massive aerial, naval, field artillery, grenade, mortar, laser, and rocket bombardment (more than 700,000 live rounds per year) of a tiny island known as one of the most pristine, fragile, biologically-diverse, and culturally-important environments in the Pacific. The project will contaminate, pollute, and obliterate the island our ancestors settled thousands of years ago. Quite simply, the CJMT will destroy our homeland.

The Navy has proposed this ill-conceived course of action on the basis of an arbitrary and capricious assessment of training needs, without providing the public an appropriate notice or description of the proposed project, without properly evaluating the project's environmental consequences, and without considering less-damaging alternatives to the project, each of which is a clear violation of federal and CNMI law.

For the reasons set forth below, I respectfully request that you address these legal deficiencies by thoroughly revising the draft EIS—including, most importantly, the addition of a complete, unbiased evaluation of alternatives to live-fire training and bombing of Pagan—and then recirculate the document for a second round of public review and comment (see 40 C.F.R. Section 1502.9(a)).

In making this request, I wish to make it clear that the people

of the Northern Islands respect and support all those who serve in the United States Navy, both in the Pacific and elsewhere. Indeed, the rate of military service among citizens of the CNMI is higher than in the 50 states. But our tradition of military service does not entitle the military to destroy our ancestral homeland. Nor does it excuse the Navy from complying with the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, the Endangered Species Act, the Marine Mammal Protection Act, or any other statute or regulation applicable here. The Navy must follow the law just as surely as the rest of us.

#### History, Context, and Importance of Pagan

The Draft EIS—and the Project itself—is premised on a series of inaccurate assumptions about the history, context and importance of Pagan and the current conditions of the island community.

The most fundamental of these errors is the assumption that Pagan is uninhabited. As this Office has explained to the Navy on numerous occasions, Pagan has a small permanent population as well as somewhat larger groups of long-term visitors.

Also inaccurate are the Navy's assumptions about visitation by, and resettlement of, those displaced as a result of the 1981 eruption of Mount Pagan. The Draft EIS assumes that the island is "largely closed to public access due to volcanic risk" (Draft EIS at 4-168). Nothing is further from the truth! There is no legal prohibition on visitation to or resettlement of Pagan. To the contrary, CNMI's Constitution and laws (including, but not limited to CNMI Constitution Article XI, Section 5, CNMI Public Law 1-42, CNMI Public Law 16-50) lay out a legal entitlement process for obtaining homesteads on Pagan. 1 The things currently limiting resettlement are the high costs of transportation and infrastructure, the limited budgets of the government agencies charged with addressing those concerns, and the uncertainty caused by the Navy's proposal to take Pagan for itself Those who were displaced by the eruption, their descendants, and other residents retain their desire and their legal right to return.

Perhaps seeking to downplay the impacts of the project, the Draft EIS also suggests that long-term settlement on Pagan is not a sustainable proposition. The Navy's position seems to be that

Pagan is only suitable for military training, and its destruction should therefore be accepted as inevitable. This view ignores both the legal rights of Pagan's residents (and their descendants) and the fact that Pagan has been home to peaceful civilian settlements dating back to the 1300s. It also ignores a variety of land use and economic development plans that demonstrate the ways in which environmentally- and economically-sustainable communities can flourish on Pagan, including but not limited to the 1970 Land Use Proposal for Pagan Island, the 1978 Physical Development Master

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Additional actions that Governor Inos can take

Governor Inos is doing the right thing by writing to the White House seeking discussions with Mr. Obama on worker immigration and military proposals for Pagan and Tinian. This action is politically courageous because it will bring more attention to the needs and concerns of Chamorros and residents of the NMI.

Governor Inos may also want to consider taking additional steps such as sending a similar letter to appropriate Members of Congress such as the chairman and ranking member of the Senate and House Armed Services Committees to express his concerns over these issues and how they relate to the U.S.-NMI relationship.

The governor may also want to consider writing to the Deputy Secretary of Defense Robert Work as well as the Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus so that they are made formally aware of what is taking place in the NMI.

The last consideration would be to have Governor Inos either fly to Washington as one possible follow-on action or hire a lobby shop to meet with select Members of Congress as well as key leaders in the Pentagon

Despite the fact that the NMI is small and remotely located, the people of the NMI have the right to disapprove of existing military proposals as well as initiate efforts to achieve their desires on immigration.

Success may be achieved if Governor Inos can generate more unity of effort with NMI lawmakers and Congressman Sablan to take one unified position on these two issues. I wish him luck because he is demonstrating courage and staying focused.

#### **Rick Perez**

Hanover, NH

# Some guidance from the Legislature, please

CNMI Cultural Day sailed through the Northern Marianas without leaving a wake.

There was not a single message in either of today's local papers from any member of the CNMI Legislature regarding the meaning or intrinsic value of this CNMI annual government holiday.

In the very near future, the governor's Historic Preservation

Review Board will be called upon to advise him on the status of and need to properly curate and store the remains of 600-some ancient Chamorros that have been recovered from the prehistoric Saipan village of Anaguan over the last 20-some years.

It would be helpful if the board could receive some guidance from the Legislature, in particular a commitment to fund the construction and management of a facility to properly curate, store, and display these priceless artifacts. There are Community Development Block Grants that can be used for this purpose.

#### **Don Farrell**

Tinian Representative
CNMI Historic Preservation Review Board

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Plan, the 2012-2016 CNMI Tourism Master Plan, the Northern Marianas College Agricultural Master Plan, and other project-specific planning documents. Again, the primary constraints are budget and infrastructure—issues that the uncertainty caused by the CJMT have exacerbated.

Finally, I note that the Navy's reasoning is undermined by its own project. The Navy's position appears to be that (i) Pagan cannot be re-settled because it lacks infrastructure and (ii) because the island cannot be re-settled, it is an appropriate place for military bombardment. In a rather twisted irony, the project has now confirmed that infrastructure improvements capable of rendering Pagan sustainable for productive civilian use—clearing the existing airfield and constructing a new dock and breakwater—are perfectly feasible given appropriate budgetary resources.<sup>2</sup> And, in confirming that fact, the Navy has effectively demonstrated that Pagan is not an appropriate place for the live-fire activities contemplated by the CJMT.

The Navy's erroneous assumption that Pagan is and will remain uninhabited renders the entire Draft EIS inadequate. But it is especially relevant to the Navy's analyses of land use, noise, recreation, cultural resources, visual resources, and socioeconomics. Each of those sections must be thoroughly revised to account for the current population and future re-settlement of Pagan and the Northern Islands.

#### **Purpose and Need/Alternatives**

An EIS is required to address all reasonable alternatives that can accomplish the purpose and need for a proposed action. But the Draft EIS prepared for the project does not consider any alternative to military training on Pagan.

The Navy has tried to explain away this failure by suggesting that (i) the Mariana Islands region has more unmet training requirements than other Pacific Command areas of responsibility and (ii) within the Marianas, Pagan is the only island large enough to accommodate the Navy's combined-level training (Draft EIS at 2-149). Those explanations ring hollow for a number of reasons:

- The Draft EIS claims that the Navy only looked at locations within the CNMI because the Marianas have more unmet training needs than other regions. But every single one of the training scenarios identified in the Draft EIS involves trainees from outside the Marianas region (see Draft EIS at 2-19 to 2-20). If it is feasible to bring personnel from outside the Marianas to train on Pagan, it should be just as feasible to transport personnel from the Marianas to train elsewhere. The Navy should have evaluated that option.
- The Draft EIS claims that the Project is needed in order to address training deficiencies among PACOM personnel. But it appears that many of the trainees who would train on Pagan are not PACOM personnel at all. In fact, a significant number will be foreign forces (see Draft EIS at 2-18 to 2-20).
- The Draft EIS claims that the two "alternatives" presented in the document are the only options that will fit within the Navy's purpose and need for action. Even if that were true, it would not excuse the Navy from broadening its analysis. A statement of purpose and need cannot be drafted so narrowly that only one option will satisfy it.
- In an effort to get around that rule, the Draft EIS purports to evaluate two "alternatives" for training on Pagan. But there is no meaningful difference between them. The Draft EIS essentially admits as much (see, e.g., Draft EIS at 2-129 ("there would be

no perceptible difference for munitions expended between the alternatives") and Table 4.20-2 (environmental impacts identical)). The alternatives do not provide a meaningful choice.

- The Mayor's Office understands that the Navy currently conducts a variety of training activities at sites in Japan, Korea, Australia, Hawaii, and the Philippines. These are clearly reasonable locations for combined training (if they weren't, the Navy wouldn't use them) and they should have been evaluated in the Draft EIS as real alternatives to training on Pagan.
- • It would have made sense to consider using or adding to existing training facilities rather than creating a new one. As noted above, the Draft EIS shows that the overwhelming majority of the troops projected to train on Pagan are either U.S. personnel from outside the CNMI or foreign forces. That fact suggests the U.S. forces within the Marianas do not require as much training capacity as Pagan would provide. It would seem far more efficient—and certainly environmentally-preferable—to simply expand an existing training facility elsewhere.

#### **Project Description**

The fundamental purposes of an EIS are to ensure that federal agencies consider all relevant environmental concerns and to provide the public with an opportunity to participate in the decision-making process. Neither one of those things is possible without a clear, detailed project description. Unfortunately, the project description in the Draft EIS is not sufficiently clear or detailed to allow the public—or the Navy, for that matter—to understand the potential impacts of the project. A number of significant questions remain:

- For how many years does the Navy propose to train on Pagan? Five years? Ten years? Twenty years? Indefinitely? The Draft EIS provides no answer. Without knowing how long the project will last, there is no way to be sure that long-term impacts are fully addressed.
- The Navy's Notice of Intent to prepare the Draft EIS states that Pagan "will be available to U.S. forces and their allies on a continuous and uninterrupted schedule" and that the training ranges on the island would operate continuously. The Draft EIS seems to suggest (but does not guarantee) that training would not be continuous and must conform to a schedule determined six months in advance. Which one is accurate?
- The Covenant that established the CNMI and governs its relationship with the United States explicitly affirms that the United States does not anticipate the need for military use of Pagan. The Covenant also promises that "the United States will continue to recognize and respect the scarcity and special importance of land in the Northern Mariana Islands" by refraining from taking any land against the will of the people of the CNMI unless (i) absolutely necessary and (ii) Congress approves. The project proposes to take the entire island of Pagan against the will of the people of the Northern Islands. How can this be consistent with the Covenant?
- The Draft EIS seems to suggest that combined level training activities will involve a maximum of 2,200 personnel. But the Draft EIS also says that bivouac and wastewater infrastructure will be designed for 4,000 troops. One portion of the Draft EIS seeks to explain this discrepancy with a vague reference to "surge capacity" (Draft EIS at 2-115). But another portion of the document suggests the 4,000-person capacity would be for "joint exercises." Which is it? Will training on Pagan be limited to 2,200 personnel at a time? Or will it involve up to 4,000? And which training levels were evaluated in each of the environmental impact analyses presented in Chapter 4 of the Draft EIS (and related

technical appendices)?

- The Draft EIS is suspiciously vague on the subject of the Navy's "unconstrained training concept." The majority of the Draft EIS suggests that live-fire training on Pagan will be limited to 16 weeks per year (Draft EIS at 2-18) and that this would be sufficient to address all unmet training needs (Draft EIS at 2-2). But portions of the document also refer to an "unconstrained training concept" involving 40 weeks of training per year. Given that (i) the notion of an "unconstrained concept" has no basis in NEPA, (ii) much of the training capacity on Pagan will be used by non-PACOM and/or foreign forces, and (iii) Pagan facilities like the bivouac area appear to be significantly over-designed, it appears that the Navy's "unconstrained training concept" is an attempt to confuse the public—a way to hide the Navy's true intention to develop a much larger project on Pagan. If the unconstrained training concept is reasonably foreseeable, it must be fully evaluated in this EIS (see 40 C.F.R. §§ 1508.7, 1508.8). On the other hand, if the unconstrained training concept is not proposed to be implemented on Pagan, the Navy should confirm that fact in writing and the concept should be removed from the EIS.
- The Draft EIS also lacks sufficient detail regarding the Navy's proposal to build a dock and a breakwater on Pagan. The Draft EIS says the dock and breakwater are "anticipated to be needed and would be implemented in the future" (Draft EIS at 2-3), but it does not provide a detailed analysis of those aspects of the project. As noted above, the Mayor's Office does not necessarily oppose the concept of a dock and breakwater; we have needed transportation infrastructure for civilian purposes for quite some time. To be clear, however, the Mayor's Office does oppose the Navy's failure to consider alternatives to siting the military training component of the project on Pagan. Moreover, if it is reasonably foreseeable that the Navy is going to build a dock and breakwater, whether now or in the future (and, given the scope of the project, it is impossible to believe the Navy could handle the logistics of training without doing so), the location, design, and environmental consequences of that infrastructure must be thoroughly evaluated in this EIS. The Navy's crude, "programmatic" analysis is not sufficient.
- Several key aspects of the project are not explained in the project description section of the Draft EIS. How will waste (human, solid, hazardous, spent munitions, etc.) be removed from Pagan? The Navy proposes to deliver trainees to Pagan via amphibious craft; how many landings will be required to bring each group of trainees to Pagan and where will those landings take place? The Draft EIS says that the project will involve live-fire landing zones at locations specified in Figure 2.5-2 (Draft EIS at 2-121), but Figure 2.5-2 does not appear to contain the referenced information; where will the landing zones be located?

These unanswered questions make it impossible to properly identify and evaluate the environmental consequences of the Navy's proposal. They also frustrate public participation in the NEPA process. The Draft EIS must be revised and recirculated for another round of review and comment (40 C.F.R. § 1502.9).

#### To be continued.

- <sup>1</sup> The Mayor's Office will take the lead in assisting with these claims while encouraging private action on additional claims or entitlements.
- <sup>2</sup> Pagan has sufficient natural resources to meet its own needs as well as those of the rest of the Gani Islands. Indeed, Pagan's population has at rimes reached 8,000. During World War II, the Japanese successfully built water wells, a power system, and a sustainable agriculture and fishing industry on Pagan, though they never used the island for live firing or bombing.

## The Weather

#### 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian



numerous locally heavy showers and isolated Northeast winds 20 to 35 mph

**▲83° ▼75°** 



showers and isolated thunderstorms. South winds 20 to 35 mph. **▲** 85° **▼75°** 



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Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms

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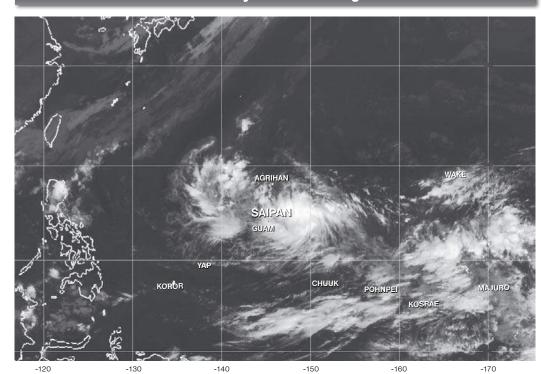
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#### Yesterday's Satellite Image

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough extends eastward from 12N130E through a developing tropical disturbance centered east of Guam near 13N151E then curves southeastward through another disturbance northwest of Kwajalein at 12N166E to beyond the date line at 8N. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms north of Yap are between 15N and 21N from 136E to 142E and near the Mariana Islands between 10N and 17N from 144E to 155E and across Kosrae state and the Marshall Islands between 4N and 14N From 160E to 170E and north of Majuro between 10N and 16N from 170E to 177E. Surging southwest to west winds are causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms just south of Chuuk and Pohnpei within 125 miles of a line from 2N143E to 5N160E and east of Majuro and Tarawa south of 7N from 170E to 180. A cold front extends southwestward from 25N137E to beyond 21N130E. Cloudiness and patchy rain are along and up to 300 miles northwest

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## **Business**

## Lower gas prices means no Social Security increase next year

just the third time in 40 years, millions of Social Security recipients, disabled veterans and federal retirees can expect no increase in benefits next year, unwelcome news for more than one-fifth of the nation's population.

They can blame low gas prices. By law, the annual cost-ofliving adjustment, or COLA, is based on a government measure of inflation, which is being dragged down by lower prices at the pump.

The government is scheduled to announce the COLAor lack of one-on Thursday, when it releases the Consumer Price Index for September. Inflation has been so low this year that economists say there is little chance the September numbers will produce a benefit increase for next year.

Prices actually have dropped from a year ago, according to the inflation measure used for the COLA.

"It's a very high probabil-



In this Friday, Oct. 9, 2015, photo, Carol Mead decorates her home for Halloween, in Montrose, Pa. Mead, 67, is retired and her husband, 70, must work at a local rock guarry to close the gap from her Social Security.

ity that it will be zero," said economist Polina Vlasenko, a research fellow at the American Institute for Economic Research. "Other prices—other than energy—would have to jump. It would have to be a very sizable increase that would be visible, and I don't think that's happened."

Congress enacted automatic increases for Social Security beneficiaries in 1975, when inflation was high and there was a lot of pressure to regularly raise benefits. Since then, increases have averaged 4 percent a vear.

Only twice before, in 2010 and 2011, have there been no

## VW recalls diesel vehicles in China to correct emissions

**BEIJING** (AP)—Volkswagen is recalling 1,950 diesel vehicles in China to correct engine software that the automaker has admitted cheats on emissions tests.

The recall applies to 1,946 Tiguan sport utility vehicles and four Passat B6 sedans, all of them imported, the company said Monday. It said technical solutions are being developed and have yet to be submitted to Chinese authorities for approval.

Volkswagen's business in China, the largest auto market by number of vehicles sold, has suffered little impact from the global emissions scandal due to the lack of popularity of diesel cars among Chinese drivers. But foreign companies are closely watched by Chinese authorities, and state media

publicize suggestions of misconduct.

Europe's biggest automaker has acknowledged it installed software dubbed "defeat devices" on diesel vehicles. They switch on pollution controls when cars undergo emissions tests, but switch off during driving to improve performance.

"Volkswagen would like to sincerely apologize for any inconvenience caused to our customers," the company said in a statement. "We would like to assure that we will do everything humanly possible to win back trust and take care of any concerns."

Diesel is widely used in trucks in the world's second-largest economy, but powered just 0.3 percent of autos sold last year in China, or a few thousand units.

## Outstanding assistant needs to improve social skills

: Shortly after becoming a department head, I began hearing complaints about my executive assistant. From my perspective, "Gwen" is phenomenal. She is extremely organized, catches on quickly and is willing to tackle any task. Without her, our department would be much less effective.

Unfortunately, this is not the picture painted by the staff. Several of them have described Gwen as condescending and disrespectful. They say she criticizes their work and will sometimes just take over, even if the person doesn't want her help.

Gwen shouldn't be treating co-workers like underlings or incompetents. However, I'm not sure how to address the issue, because she will immediately know that someone complained. How should I bring this up?

A: Your assistant seems to be suffering from Queen Bee syndrome. This rather common disorder afflicts those who are the "right-hand person" for a higher-level manager. Typically, these are folks with high control needs who enjoy basking in the reflected power of their boss.

Queen Bees tend to be highly competent and super-organized But while they are great with tasks, they are much less adept with people. To resolve this problem, you must help Gwen understand that a top-notch assistant also needs to develop positive relationships. Here's one way to begin the conversation:

"Gwen, I have an issue that we need to discuss. First, though, let me say that I am really impressed with your ability to organize everything and keep this office running smoothly. However, I have some concerns about your co-worker relationships. Before we talk about the specifics, I'd like to know if this surprises you or if you are aware of some problems."

Finally, don't hesitate to mention that people have complained, because Gwen needs that feedback. But avoid iden- an unfortunate mishap. And in case you're ever asked to work on tifying the employees who spoke to you. Although Gwen will his laptop again, you might want to invest in some hand sanitizer.

#### **YOUR OFFICE COACH**

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undoubtedly ask, she has absolutely no right to know.

Q: I'm wondering whether I should file a sexual harassment complaint. Recently, my manager asked me to find some information on his laptop. When I entered his password, the first image to appear was an extremely pornographic picture. By the expression on my face, he immediately knew something was wrong.

After looking at the screen, he became very embarrassed and apologized profusely. Although neither of us has mentioned the incident again, I can't get that image out of my mind. I also hate the thought that I touched that laptop, since I don't know where it might have been. Should I do anything about this?

**A:** While I definitely empathize with your discomfort and disgust, your exposure to this obscene image appears to have been completely accidental. If your boss is viewing porn on an office computer, he may not be too bright, but he doesn't seem to be intentionally harassing you.

Should your manager act inappropriately in the future, then you should talk with human resources. But if not, just consider this

## Lawyer for relatives of Germanwings victims may sue in US

BERLIN (AP)—A lawyer representing more than three dozen families whose loved ones were lost in the Germanwings plane crash in March says his clients want to sue for compensation in the United States, where courts could decide upon much larger settlements.

German lawyer Elmar Giemulla told the dpa news agency on Sunday that he met with 100 family members on Saturday, who agreed he should go ahead and pursue legal action in the U.S.

Prosecutors believe the Airbus A320 was intentionally

crashed by its co-pilot, killing all 150 people on board the Germanwings Barcelona to Duesseldorf flight.

The co-pilot at one point had trained in the United States and two of the victims of the crash were American. Giemulla, who represents 39 families, has previously said this should allow a U.S. court to take up the case.

The law in Germany, where almost half the 150 victims came from, doesn't currently consider the deceased's future earnings and the emotional impact on families when calculating how much money relatives are entitled to.



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## **Nation**

## Obama: Clinton made mistake; security not endangered

WASHINGTON (AP)—Hillary Rodham Clinton's use of a private email server to conduct government business when she served as secretary of state was a mistake but didn't endanger national security, President Barack Obama said during an interview airing Sunday on CBS's "60 Minutes."

Obama said public officials have to be more sensitive about how they handle information and personal data. Yet he also said the criticism of Clinton has been "ginned up" because of politics.

"I think she'd be the first to acknowledge that maybe she could have handled the original decision better and the disclosures more quickly," Obama said.

Obama downplayed the threat to national security, and when it was pointed out that his administration has prosecuted people for having classified material on their private computers, the president said he didn't get the impression there was an intent to "hide something or to squirrel away information." He also said he was not initially aware of her use of the private email server.

There are still questions being raised about the security of that

Senate investigators recently discovered that Clinton's private server was subjected to unspecified hacking attempts in 2013 from China, South Korea and Germany. The FBI is still examining her system, and that review could reveal evidence, if any, of unauthorized intrusions into her server or any attempts to siphon off her data.

Clinton has yet to answer specific questions about the security protections in her unusual email setup, which ran out of her New York home and not in a professional data center during her time as secretary of state.

Obama also weighed in on the 2016 presidential elections. The president called current GOP front-runner Donald Trump "the classic reality TV character" and a "great publicity-seeker."

"He is tapped into something that exists in the Republican Party that's real," Obama said. "I think there is genuine anti-immigrant sentiment in the large portion of at least Republican primary voters. I don't think it's uniform."

On Trump's election prospects, Obama said: "I don't think he'll end up being president of the United States.'

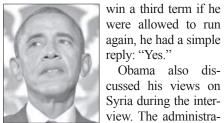
Obama would not say if he

wants his vice president, Joe Biden, to get into the presidential race. Many expect Biden to make his decision soon.

"If you're sitting right next to the president in every meeting Obama and, you know, wres-

tling with these issues, I'm sure that for him, he's saying to himself, "I could do a really good job."

When the president was asked if he believed he could



Obama also discussed his views on Syria during the inter-

tion said Friday it is abandoning a failed Pentagon effort to build a new ground force of moderate rebels and overhauling its approach to instead partner with established rebel groups. The change

also reflects growing concern

win a third term if he in Obama's administration that Russia's intervention has complicated the Syrian battlefield and given new life to President Bashar Assad.

Obama said he was "skeptical from the get-go" about the notion of creating an army of moderate forces within Syria. "My goal has been to try to test the proposition, can we be able to train and equip a moderate opposition that's willing to fight ISIL? And what we've learned is that as long as Assad remains in power, it is very difficult to

get those folks to focus their attention on ISIL," Obama said.

Obama said part of the strategy behind the administration's efforts was to "try different things." He added that "in a situation that is as volatile and with as many players as there are inside of Syria, there aren't any silver bullets."

While the Pentagon is abandoning its effort to train rebels, a CIA program that since 2013 has trained some 10,000 rebels to fight Assad's forces is ongoing.

#### More cities are recognizing Native Americans on Columbus Day

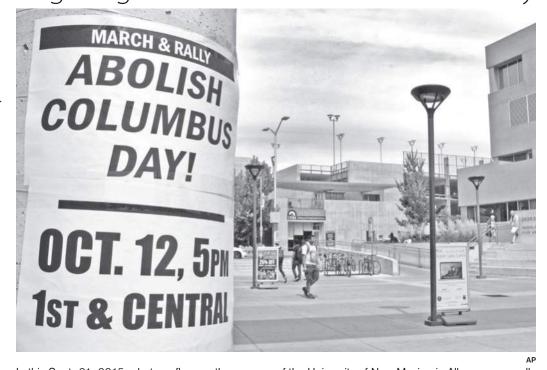
#### ALBUQUERQUE, (AP)—More cities are recognizing Native Americans on Columbus Day this year as they revive a movement to change the name of the holiday to celebrate the history and contributions of indigenous cultures around the

As the U.S. observes Columbus Day on Monday, it will also be Indigenous Peoples Day in at least nine cities for the first time this year, including Albuquerque; Portland, Oregon; St. Paul, Minnesota; and Olympia, Washington.

country.

Encouraged by city council votes in Minneapolis and Seattle last year, Native American activists made a push in dozens of cities in recent months to get local leaders to officially recognize the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples Day. Their success was mixed.

The campaigns say the federal holiday honoring Christopher Columbus—and the parades and pageantry accompanying it—overlook a painful history of colonialism, enslavement, discrimination and land grabs that followed the Italian explorer's 1492 arrival in the Americas. The indigenous holiday takes into account the



In this Sept. 21, 2015, photo, a flyer on the campus of the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque calls for students to join a protest against Columbus Day.

history and contributions of Native Americans for a more accurate historical record, activists have argued.

Columbus Day supporters say the holiday celebrates centuries of cultural exchange between America and Europe, commemorates an iconic explorer and honors Italian-Americans, a group that has endured its own share of discrimination.

"For the Native community here, Indigenous Peoples Day means a lot. We actually have something," said Nick Estes of Albuquerque, who is coordinating a celebration Monday after the City Council recently issued a proclamation. "We understand it's just a proclamation, but at the same time, we also understand this is the beginning of something greater."

Native Americans are the nation's smallest demographic, making up about 2 percent of the U.S. population. In recent decades, a significant number of tribal members have moved from reservations to urban areas, where a large majority live today. The shift makes the cities' resolutions and proclamations more meaningful, Estes said.

## Topless women of Times Square insist they can't be restricted

NEW YORK (AP)—In the heart of Times Square, a grinning 2-year-old boy is flanked by a pair of strikingly posed, topless women, wearing only red, white and blue paint over their breasts, thongs, feathery headdresses and high heels.

Click. His mom takes a picture for the family album and hands the women a dollar bill.

It's one of dozens of interactions that take place every day with a growing legion of bare-chested ladies who seek tips by posing with passing men, women and, yes, children. Facing what they see as a cringe-worthy crisis after decades of scrubbing Times Square's once-sleazy image, some city officials are now proposing to confine both the topless women and the costumed characters working alongside them to designated "activity zones."

But several of the painted ladies who spoke candidly with The Associated Press this past week made it clear that, restrictions or not, they're not going anywhere.

"They can't do anything unless they change the Constitution," insisted Saira Nicole, 29, who works the square as part of a topless trio. She said she'd defy any move to relegate the women to a specific zone.

"You're not putting a stop to me, period."

The presence of the topless women over the past year has shaken the Crossroads of the World in ways that the similarly photo-hawking costumed characters who came before-Elmos, Spider-Men and Sponge Bobs—never did. It reached a peak this summer with reports of some of the women aggressively accosting passers-by, grabbing their arms and urging them to stop and pose.

"I would say, as a human being and a parent, I don't think it's appropriate in the middle of one of the busiest squares in New York City that women should display themselves that way," Mayor Bill de Blasio said recently, acknowledging he'd given serious consideration to a short-lived idea of addressing the problem by ripping out Times Square's popular pedestrian plazas entirely.

Tim Tompkins, president of the influential Times Square Alliance business group, told a WNYC radio interviewer this summer that "one of these naked ladies literally made a woman cry" by threatening to punch her when asked to cover up. Tompkins cast the issue as aggressive solicitation for money, not in toplessness in itself.

#### ACROSS THE NATION

#### **Police: Off-duty** Memphis officer fatally

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—An off-duty police officer died Sunday after being shot multiple times, the fourth Memphis police officer to be fatally shot in slightly more than four years, authorities said. Memphis Police Director Toney Armstrong said 31-year-old Terence Olridge was taken to the Regional Medical Center, where he later died. Officers got a call around 1 p.m. about a shooting at a home in the Memphis suburb of Cordova, Armstrong said. A male suspect is in custody, but Armstrong didn't say whether the person has been charged. Armstrong said the investigation is ongoing and that "details are sketchy." Relatives of the officer could be seen crying outside the hospital.

#### California may allow inmate firefighters with violent pasts

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—California officials are considering allowing inmates with violent backgrounds to

work outside prison walls fighting wildfires, and the idea is generating concerns about public safety. The state has about 3,800 inmate firefighters with no history of violent crimes. But that's down from about 4,400 in previous years, so prison officials are looking for ways to add inmates. Starting next year, the corrections department is proposing adding inmates convicted of violent offenses if their security classification level has been reduced after years of good behavior. Officials tell The Associated Press they also are seeking to allow inmates who have up to seven years left on their sentences instead of the current five.

#### **Hundreds rally against** Confederate sign on Mississippi flag

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)— Civil-rights leader Myrlie Evers-Williams, Mississippiborn rapper David Banner and a prominent South Carolina lawmaker are calling on Mississippi to remove the Confederate battle emblem from its state flag. About 400 people took part in a change-the-flag rally Sunday outside the Mississippi Capitol. No alternative design was proposed, but rally leaders said the flag is racially divisive. Three men holding large flags with various Confederate emblems watched the rally from a distance across the Capitol lawn. The emblem—a blue X with 13 white stars, over a red field—has been on Mississippi's flag since 1894, and voters chose to keep it in 2001. But the massacre of nine black worshippers in June at a church in Charleston, South Carolina, has renewed the debate about the public display of Confederate symbols. Police said the mass shooting in Charleston was racially motivated, and the suspect had previously posed for photos with the rebel flag.

## Asia

## Nepal elects Communist party leader new prime minister

(AP)—Nepal's parliament elected Communist party leader Khadga Prasad Oli the new prime minister Sunday, thrusting him into the center of daunt-

ing challenges, from ethnic pro-

tests over the new constitution that has also upset vital neighbor India to rebuilding from April's devastating earthquake.

Oli received 338 votes from the 597-member chamber, Parliament speaker Subash Nemwang announced. Oli defeated his predecessor Sushil Koirala, who received 249 votes.

Oli, 63, is generally popular in Nepal and has a reputation for being an outspoken leader who is not afraid to criticize.

#### NATO: Helicopter crash at Kabul base kills 5

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)— A military helicopter crashed Sunday at the NATO base in the Afghan capital, Kabul, killing five coalition members and injuring five others, authorities said.

A statement from the Resolute Support Mission did not give the nationalities of those killed and injured, all of them NATO personnel. But the British Ministry of Defense said two Royal Air Force members were among those killed when the Puma Mk 2 helicopter crashed while landing at the headquarters of the NATO Resolute Support Mission, which is training Afghan security forces.

The mission statement said the helicopter "crashed due to a non-hostile incident" around 4:15 p.m. Sunday at Camp Resolute Support in Kabul.

In London, the Ministry of Defense also said a convoy of British military vehicles came under attack earlier Sunday in a separate incident in Kabul, but there were no fatalities.

Gen. Abdul Rahman Rahimi, Kabul's police chief, said an explosion targeted a NATO military convoy in Kabul, wounding three civilians. He said the blast targeted two armored vehicles attached to the NATO Resolute Support mission, damaging one of them. He did not specify whether the vehicles were British.

While Rahimi and a Taliban spokesman said the convoy was attacked by a suicide car bomber, U.S. Army Col. Brian Tribus, the spokesman in Afghanistan for U.S. and NATO forces, said it was a roadside bomb. The discrepancy could not immediately be reconciled.

The Interior Ministry said in a statement that the three civilians suffered minor wounds. It said the blast damaged surrounding buildings.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid sent a statement to local media claiming responsibility.

There have been a number of attacks in the capital in recent weeks, including one on Oct. 6 targeting the house of former Helmand governor Nahim Baloch. After an allnight battle, 10 people were wounded, including three civilians and seven members of the Afghan security forces. Officials said Baloch was not at home at the time.

The Taliban have been ac-

tive across the country this year, most recently storming the northern city of Kunduz and holding it for three days before largely retreating in the face of a government counter-offensive.

In the helicopter crash, the aircraft appeared to strike a monitoring balloon as it landed at the NATO base, according to Najibullah, an Afghan security guard who witnessed the incident. Like many in Afghanistan, he goes by one name.

The helicopter "hit the cable of the security balloon over the base. It seemed like the cable was turned around the helicopter rotor," he said. Najibullah said the helicopter went down and then black smoke rose from the area.

A second helicopter circled around the area three or four times and then landed at a nearby airport, he said.

Tribus would only say that an "incident" involving a NATO aircraft and an observational balloon had taken place "in the vicinity of the Resolute Support base" in central Kabul. The monitoring balloon was severed from its mooring in the incident, he said, without providing further details.

Some describe him with the phrase, "Oli ko goli," which means, "When Oli speaks he fires" (a bullet). He had previously served as deputy prime minister and as a minister in previous governments. He suffers from a kidney illness and has had to make trips abroad for treatment to India and Thailand.

The leader of the Communist Party of Nepal Unified Marxist Leninist received the support of many smaller parties, including their rival United Communist Party of Nepal Maoist.

Oli and Koirala are leaders of the top two political parties and were coalition partners in the last government. Koirala became prime minister in 2014, but the constitution that was adopted last month required him to step down.

It was still undecided which other parties would join in Oli's new government.

He comes to power at delicate time, with ethnic Madhesis and other groups in the south protesting against the new constitution in riots that have left 45 people dead. India, which has close ties to the Madhesis, is also unhappy with the constitution.

The country is facing a severe fuel shortage, thanks to an unofficial blockade by India and Madhesis blocking a key border checkpoint. Fuel and cargo trucks have been stopped at the border since late last month, after the constitution was approved Sept. 20.

The constitution divides Nepal into seven new states, with some borders slicing through the Madhesis' ancestral homeland in the southern plains along the border with India. The Madhesis, along with several other small ethnic groups, want the states to be larger and to be given more autonomy over local matters.

Talks last week between the government and protesters made little progress.

Indian officials deny there is a blockade and say drivers are afraid to enter Nepal, but Nepali authorities say there is no trouble at many other border crossings.

Soon after the election, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi called Oli on the telephone, congratulated him and invited him to visit India, according to a tweet from Modi's office.

The conversation between the two men is the biggest positive development in recent days between the two South Asian nations. Modi has not talked to Nepali leaders in recent weeks mainly due to his travels to United States and other countries.



Nepal's newly-appointed prime minister Khadga Prasad Oli, left, waves to the media inside the Constituent Assembly in Kathmandu, Nepal, Sunday, Oct. 11, 2015.

#### **ASIAN BRIEFS**

#### **China starts operating lighthouses** on South China Sea reef

BEIJING (AP)—China has started operating two lighthouses on a reef on a disputed island chain in the South China Sea, a state news agency reported, amid rising concerns among the U.S. and China's neighbors about Beijing's maritime ambitions. The Ministry of Transport held a completion ceremony Friday for the 50-meter-high (164-foot-high) Huayang and Chigua lighthouses on Huayang Reef in the Spratly Islands, the official Xinhua News Agency said. The Spratlys, mostly barren islands, reefs and atolls that are believed to be atop oil and natural gas deposits, straddle one of the world's busiest sea lanes. They are also claimed by Taiwan, Malaysia, the Philippines, Vietnam and Brunei. Tensions have been rising as Beijing has grown more assertive about its claim to virtually the entire South China Sea. The U.S. and the Philippines have expressed concern that China's land reclamation projects around reefs and atolls could be used to base military planes and navy ships to intimidate other claimants and threaten freedom of navigation, and have called for a freeze on such activity.

#### Report: 2 more Japanese held in China over spy allegation

TOKYO (AP)—Japanese media are reporting that two more Japanese citizens are being held in China on suspicion of spying, bringing the total number of such cases to four. Japan and China last month acknowledged that two Japanese had been arrested in May on suspected spying charges—one in Zhejiang province and the other in Liaoning. Japan's Foreign Ministry on Monday refused to confirm or deny the reports. Japan's national broadcaster NHK said over the weekend that the cases involve a woman in her 50s, arrested in Shanghai, and a man in his 60s, arrested in Beijing, both in June. In 2010, four employees of a Japanese construction company were accused of filming a Chinese military site in Hebei province but were released within weeks.

#### **India says Maldives leader committed** to 'India first' policy

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP)—India said on Sunday that the Maldives leader has committed to an "India first" policy in talks with its external affairs minister, a step that would signal improving ties between the two nations that had soured amid Maldives' leaning closer to China. Maldives President Yameen Abdul Gayoom made the statement in a meeting with India's External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj during his two-day visit to the island nation. Gayoom's comment came after Swaraj stressed India's "neighbors first" policy, in which India has pledged to share the benefits of its economic growth with immediate neighbors—a move seen trying to offset China's influence. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi earlier this year had avoided Maldives in his tour of neighboring island states. He did not specify a reason but it was seen as avoiding controversy amid political unrest in the Maldives that followed the arrest of the country's pro-India ex-president and Maldives' increasing tilt toward China.

#### **BEIJING** (AP)—The teenage son of a rights lawyer detained in a sweeping crackdown on civil society is under house arrest in northern China after being grabbed in Myanmar while trying to escape to the

United States, a family friend

said Monday.

Bao Zhuoxuan, also known as Bao Mengmeng, is under 24-hour police surveillance at his grandparents' house in Inner Mongolia and is not allowed contact with the outside world, Liang Bo, a San Francisco-based family friend, said by phone.

Bao, 16, is the son of Wang Yu, a lawyer who disappeared July 9 amid a rounding up of dozens of rights lawyers and social activists in a broad crackdown on groups that seek changes in society and that operate outside the Communist Party. Wang has represented people involved in politically sensitive cases and earlier this year was the legal counsel for one of five women's rights activists jailed over a planned event against sexual harassment.

Lawyer's son back in China after failed escape attempt

Bao and his father were detained on the same day by police at Beijing's international airport on their way to Australia, where Bao was to attend high school. Bao was released after two days, but his passport was revoked, Zhou said. His parents are still missing.

Chinese authorities routinely put pressure on activists by targeting their family members.

After his release the teenager was watched and harassed by police in Beijing, and at times beaten by them, said Liang, who was intending to look after Bao in San Francisco. Beijing police did not immediately respond to a faxed request for comment.

San Francisco-based rights campaigner Fengsuo Zhou, who was involved in the escape plan and was to help Bao seek refuge in the U.S., said: "He has expressed his will to study

abroad, and eventually study law, like his mother."

Zhou traveled to the Thai capital of Bangkok and grew worried when Bao failed to meet him there last week. He said that Bao and two men helping him leave China were taken by local police in a Myanmar border town on Oct. 6, citing information from the guest house in Mong La.

Liang said Bao was with his mother's parents in Ulanhot city. Calls to two numbers for Bao's grandmother were not answered. People who answered calls to Ulanhot police's general and criminal investigation offices said they were not aware of the case.

The two men helping him to leave China were Tang Zhishun, 40, an engineer from Beijing, and Xing Oingxian, 49, a human rights activist in the southwest city of Chengdu, Zhou said. Their whereabouts was unknown.

## World

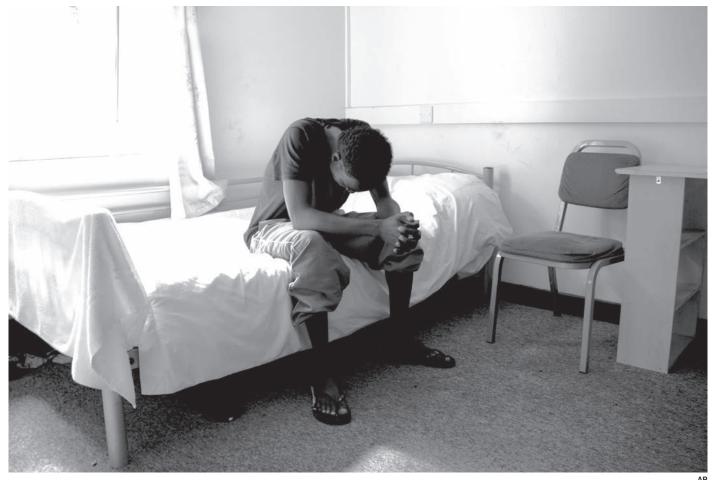
## Young and alone: Europe sees record surge of child refugees

KENT, England (AP)—The bags are packed, the goodbye hugs done. The Afghan, Eritrean and Sudanese boys are on the move again, but this time it's a happy occasion: After months of hardship traversing continents, the teenage refugees are finally on the way to English homes where they can settle down for a long dreamed-of life in Europe.

The dozens of boys are unaccompanied child refugees who have come to the end of a long, risky journey by boat, foot, truck and train. Upon reaching the shores of Dover they were brought to a reception center in Kent, southern England, where they were given temporary shelter. As the teenagers leave for more permanent social housing or foster homes, they are seen off by another group of boys who are eagerly awaiting their turn.

Europe's migrant crisis has seen a record surge of unaccompanied child asylum seekers fleeing civil war, conscription and poverty at home to countries including Britain and Sweden, which have scrambled to provide care for thousands of newly arrived minors. Most are boys aged between 14 to 18 hailing from Syria, Afghanistan, Eritrea and Sudan.

"I'm happy to leave today,"



In this photo provided by Kent County Council, a young male refugee sits on a bed at reception centre in the county of Kent in southeast England in early September 2015.

said Sadiq, a shy 17-year-old Sudanese, who said he wanted to become an engineer. Like all the refugees interviewed at the center, his full name cannot be

reported because they are minors under government care.

Like the other youngsters, Sadiq had made it to Europe alone after leaving behind his

family, and may never see his loved ones again. He lowered his head when asked about his homeland, where a years-long conflict has killed thousands and driven

millions from their homes.

"Since I left I have had no information, I don't know anything about my family. I'm very sad because of that, but what can I do?"

In Kent, the main English county receiving the children, arrivals jumped from 296 in September 2014 to almost 800 in the same period this year. Almost all land in Dover, a key port connected by rail and road to France. And in Sweden. which takes the largest number of refugees per capita in Europe, the Migration Agency says almost 1,300 minors sought asylum in a single week in September - a staggering increase from about 400 a week in June. The agency estimates that a total of 12,000 unaccompanied children would have sought asylum in the country this year.

"The municipalities have never been close to having a situation like this before, ever," said Kjell-Terje Torvik, an expert at the Swedish migration board who has worked with child refugees for over a decade. "Even though we knew the numbers were going to rise, this is far beyond our imagination."

Social workers say many child refugees have to take off alone because of desperate circumstances: Some became separated from their families in war; others are alone because their family cannot afford to send more than one member abroad. Younger refugees also often have better chances of getting asylum in Europe.

## Islamic State could gain from Turkish peace rally bombing

ANKARA, Turkey (AP)— Thousands mourned the 95 victims of Turkey's deadliest attack in years as state inspectors tried Sunday to identify who sent suicide bombers to a rally promoting peace with Kurdish rebels.

The government said Kurdish rebels or Islamic State militants were likely responsible, while mourners accused President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of fomenting violence to gain votes for the ruling party.

No one has claimed responsibility, but the attack bears similarities to a suicide bombing the government blames on the Islamic State group that killed 33 Turkish and Kurdish peace activists near a town bordering Syria in July.

Police detained 14 suspected Islamic State members Sunday in the central Turkish city of Konya, but it wasn't clear if they were related.

Some Turkish media declared that peace itself was under attack. The bombers struck hours before Kurdish rebels battling Turkish security forces followed through with plans to declare a unilateral cease-fire, to reduce tensions leading up to Nov. 1 elections.

Turkey's government rejected the declaration, saying the rebels must lay down arms for good and leave the country. Turkey's military meanwhile carried out more cross-border airstrikes against Kurdish shelters and positions in the Zap and Metina regions of Iraq.

While no one group has been ruled out in the bombings, government opponents blamed security forces for failing to protect the peace rally.

"The state which gets information about the bird that flies and every flap of its wing, was not able to prevent a massacre in the heart of Ankara," said Selahattin Demirtas, co-chairman of the pro-Kurdish People's Democracy Party.

On Sunday, police fired tear gas and scuffled with the mourners-some chanting "Murderer Erdogan!"—who tried to reach the blast site to lay carnations. A group of about 70 was eventually allowed to enter the cordoned off area.

More than 10,000 also gathered in Turkey's mostly Kurdish southeastern city of Diyarbakir, holding a moment of silence for the victims, including hundreds of wounded.

## Syrian troops gain as Putin defends strikes

**BEIRUT** (AP)—Syrian troops backed by Russian airstrikes advanced against insurgents in the center of the country as President Vladimir Putin defended Moscow's intervention in the conflict, saying it would aid efforts to reach a political settlement.

Putin said Moscow's objective was to stabilize the Syrian government and create conditions for a political compromise.

"When a division of international terrorists stands near the capital, then there is probably little desire for the Syrian government to negotiate, most likely feeling itself under siege in its own capital," he said in an interview with Russian state television broadcast on Sunday.

Critics of Russia's intervention have argued that strengthening the government will only make compromise more difficult, and on Sunday the main Western-backed opposition group said the strikes would undermine any efforts to reach a settlement.

The Syrian National Coalition also said it would boycott talks suggested by U.N. envoy Staffan de Mistura, saying any political process must be based on "ending the Russian aggression" and reviving a roadmap adopted in 2012.

The fighting Sunday was on multiple fronts in the northern part of the central Hama province and the nearby rebel-held Idlib province. A Syrian military official said troops seized the northern Hama village of Tak Sukayk. He spoke on condition of anonymity in line with regulations.

It was the second village in the area captured by the government since it launched a wide-ranging ground offensive made possible by Russian airstrikes that began Sept. 30.

In an audio recording, a Saudi militant cleric based in Syria urged fighters to unite, mobilize and attack Syrian forces in different provinces in order to avert "consecutive collapses."

Abdullah al-Muhaysini, who is linked to al-Qaida's affiliate in Syria, the Nusra Front, said the Russians aim to distract the insurgents on different fronts ahead of a surprise attack.

"We have to turn that equation around before the infidels seize the initiative," al-Muhaysini said in the recording, which was first shared by the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

"If there is no vicious counterattack to penetrate the front defensive lines of the regime, the future will be frightening."

## 3 Palestinians killed, 4 Israelis wounded in latest violence

JERUSALEM (AP)—A wave with clashes beginning at a resident who was at a gun shop ing consultations to discuss of Israeli-Palestinian violence contested holy site in Jerusa- purchasing his first weapon. sanctions against the Islamic showed no signs of abating Sunday, as three Palestinians, including a 2-year-old and a 13-year-old, were killed by Israeli forces, and four Israelis were wounded in an evening stabbing attack.

The attacks have been primarily stabbings and shootings, but a Palestinian woman seriously injured herself when she detonated a gas canister on Sunday. The attack, which lightly wounded a police officer, was the first in the current round of violence to involve such an explosive device.

The unrest erupted last month around the Jewish New Year, lem and quickly spreading to other parts of the city, across Israel and into the West Bank and Gaza Strip. At least 24 Palestinians, including eight attackers, have been killed by Israeli forces, while five Israelis have been killed in attacks.

With random stabbings happening each day, the violence has Israelis on edge. Officials have called on citizens to carry guns in public for selfdefense, and store owners say sales of guns and pepper spray are soaring.

"I think everyone should come and get a gun license," said Idan Albilia, a Jerusalem

'We need to defend ourselves. I think this is the only thing that will help us in this situation."

Police are on high alert in all major cities across Israel, and an Israeli ambulance drove through central Jerusalem Sunday night and announced an emergency blood drive over a loudspeaker.

Addressing his Cabinet Sunday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the country was battling a "wave of terror" fueled by "systematic, untrue incitement" by the Palestinian Authority in the West Bank and the Islamic Movement in Israel.

He said he would be hold-

Movement, which has led a campaign accusing Israel of plotting to take over the Jerusalem compound revered by both Jews and Muslims. Israel denies the accusations.

During a briefing to the Cabinet, Israel's Shin Bet security agency said the Islamic Movement was a main instigator of the rumors. It also said the Palestinian president, Mahmoud Abbas, is not encouraging attacks on Israelis and has even instructed his security services to prevent violence, though it said other Palestinian officials were participating in incitement.

The fighting has put both

## Focus

ERUSALEM (AP)— Jewish and Muslim grassroots groups, self-declared defenders of their faiths, have played a key role in rising Israeli-Palestinian tensions, stepping up activities at a contested Jerusalem shrine at the heart of the current violence.

Each side has accused the other of causing provocations, as religious activists become more organized.

Israel pins much of the blame on a domestic fundamentalist group, the Islamic Movement. saying it whipped up Palestinian anger with claims that Israel is plotting to take over the Muslimrun site. Those claims, dismissed by Israel as incitement, reflect widespread Palestinian fears fueled by the doubling of Jewish visits to the shrine since 2010.

Backed by senior Israeli politicians, activists have become more vocal in demanding Jewish prayer rights on the mount. Some call for the site's partition and the rebuilding of the biblical Jewish Temple that once stood there.

"As more and more Jews are going up, it is clear that this is bringing us closer to the immediate goal of prayer (rights), and afterward, the Temple," said Elishama Sandman, 19, who has led Jewish tours on the mount.

Muslim activists have also beefed up their presence in recent years, with funding and logistical support from the Islamic Movement and Palestinian factions in the West Bank.

Young Palestinians sporting headbands of different factions, including the militant Hamas, have clashed with Israeli police, throwing stones and firebombs from a mosque in the compound and drawing tear gas and stun grenades.

Scores of older Muslims, many bused to the shrine by the Islamic Movement, spend hours on the mount each day, some disrupting visits of Jews with curses and chants of "God is Great."

Israelis "got our land and now they want to get our holy places," said a 65-year-old Muslim man. He spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of repercussions from authorities after he yelled at Jewish visitors.

Frictions have peaked during Jewish holidays, a busy time for Jewish visits. Since the Jewish New Year in mid-September, repeated clashes between Palestinians and police at the compound triggered deadly violence in other parts of Jerusalem, across Israel and in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

With religious passions unleashed, violence could rapidly escalate—as it did in 2000 after then-opposition leader Ariel Sharon visited the shrine in a demonstrative act that helped trigger the second Palestinian uprising.

#### WHY IS THE SHRINE SO

The 37-acre (15 hectare) holy



This Thursday, July 28, 2015 photo shows a group of religious Jews escorted by Israeli police at Al-Aqsa compound in Jerusalem.

# Jewish, Muslim groups raise temperature at contested shrine

KARIN LAUBMOHAMMED DARAGHMEH

pitches—anchors competing religious and national identities of Jews and Muslims, Israelis and Palestinians.

Known to Jews as the Temple Mount, it's the holiest site in Judaism. The devout believe that God's presence is most keenly felt here and revere it as the home of the biblical Jewish Temples. Believers say Jewish religious practice is only complete once the Temple has been rebuilt.

Leading rabbis, citing religious purity laws, have banned entry to the compound since Israel captured it in 1967, along with the rest of east Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza. Israel's chief rabbis reaffirmed the ban in 2013, but several leading clerics from the religious Zionist stream linked to the settler movement had already given the go-ahead to ascend.

Most Jews continue to worship exclusively at the adiacent Western Wall, a Temple remnant.

For 1.6 billion Muslims, the hilltop is the third holiest site of their religion, marking the spot where the Prophet Muhammad ascended to heaven. The enclosure houses the goldtopped Dome of the Rock and the thousand-year-old Al-Aqsa Mosque. A prayer performed here is believed to be 500 times more powerful than one in an ordinary mosque.

The compound is run by Islamic religious officials, while Jordan, which controlled the site before 1967, serves as guardian. After nearly half a century of living under Israeli occupation, many Palestinians feel the shrine is the only spot that remains truly theirs.

#### **JEWISH ACTIVISTS**

Israel reopened the compound to non-Muslim visitors in 2003, three years after Sharon's visit.

Police say they coordinate the visits with the Waqf, or Muslim administration. The Waqf says it no longer has a decisive say in the matter.

Initially, the number of Jewish visitors was relatively small—just under 5,800 in 2010. It has grown since to just under 11.000 last year, according to figures Jewish activists say they obtained from police and that are roughly in line with those provided by the Islamic Movement.

"People suddenly realize, ves, we have to go there (to the shrine)," said Yehuda Glick, a prominent Temple Mount campaigner who was shot and seri-

ously wounded by a Palestinian last year. "All our activity is bringing the awareness of the Temple Mount."

More grass-roots groups have sprung up.

A year ago, Jerusalem tour guides began organizing courses for those taking groups around the mount. Since then, 30 have been trained, and one is present at the shrine every day, said Aviya Fraenkel, a founder of the ad hoc group.

'These are dreams that every child in kindergarten is familiar with, and it takes people a bit of time to say, 'Wait a moment, perhaps this is not just a dream, perhaps this can be reality'," said Fraenkel, 29.

Under the "status quo," or post-1967 understandings between the Waqf and Israel, Jews are not allowed to pray in the compound. Religious Jews are escorted by police, who remove those who appear to be praying.

Last week, police were seen escorting a teenage boy out of the compound. Jewish seminary student Meir Taler, 23, said the teen had been one of five people in his group.

Taler and other activists said they don't want to cause trouble, framing their demands as a freedom of worship issue. "It's

a lie to say that we are the ones who are not OK, that we are creating tensions," Taler said.

Senior Israeli politicians, including members of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Cabinet and Likud party, have taken up the cause, giving it wider attention in Israel's public discourse. Housing Minister Uri Ariel of the Jewish Home, Netanyahu's main coalition partner, has frequently entered the site.

Netanyahu has tried to cool the atmosphere, saying repeatedly he does not intend to change the status quo. He also ordered Cabinet ministers and legislators to refrain from visits to the shrine.

#### **MUSLIM ACTIVISTS**

A branch of the Islamic Movement in Israel, led by fundamentalist preacher Raed Salah, has made the mosque compound its banner issue. Salah has alleged in speeches and annual rallies under the heading "Al-Aqsa is in Danger" that Israel plans to expand its control there.

Since 2001, the Islamic Movement has bused tens of thousands of supporters to the mosque compound every year to strengthen the Muslim presence. It also translates Hebrewlanguage commentary and news stories relating to the shrine into Arabic, and the translations are widely published in the Palestinian media.

Several years ago, the movement helped form groups of male and female activists, known as "Morabitoun"loosely translated as defenders of Islamic lands-who spend hours each weekday at the shrine and try to disrupt visits by Jews. Movement officials are evasive about financing, but one participant said those spending their days on the mount, including attending Islamic study circles, would get about \$400 a month for expenses.

On a recent morning, about 200 activists, most women, sat in small circles under pine trees across the compound. At one point, the shouts of "God is Great" could be heard. Muslim activists, some cursing, were shouting at about 30 religious Jews, alleging some had attempted to pray. Police rushed the Jews off the mount.

Tensions rise on days when large numbers of Jewish groups are expected, including Jewish holidays. Police often ban younger Muslims from the shrine on such occasions, saying it's a way to reduce friction.

Typically, several dozen young Palestinians spend the night inside the Al-Aqsa Mosque before the age restrictions kick in, and clash with police trying to sweep the compound the next day. Police have fired tear gas, stun grenades, rubber-coated steel pellets and some live rounds, while Palestinians have thrown stones, firebombs, firecrackers and metal chairs.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas has urged Palestinians to stick to "popular resistance," or marches and stone-throwing, arguing that armed attacks undermine Palestinian interests.

However, he also suggested that Israel poses a threat to the mosque compound.

"We tell the Israeli government, 'Stay away from our holy places, the Islamic and Christian holy places'," he said last week. In previous comments, he blamed Israelis for clashes and said, using particularly harsh words, that "we will not let them desecrate (holy sites) with their filthy feet."

#### **CRACKDOWN**

Netanyahu has accused Abbas and the Islamic Movement of inciting to violence. On Sunday, he discussed possible steps against the Islamic Movement, including outlawing it, with his Cabinet.

Israeli authorities have banned Glick and Salah from the shrine, along with other activists from both sides. During periods of tension, police at times block busloads of Islamic Movement supporters from Jerusalem. Earlier this year, Israel outlawed three associations suspected of funding the Morabitoun and last month declared the group itself illegal.

## **IMPORTANT?**

site—the size of 21 soccer

## Overdrive

By BARRY SPYKER



sometimes called "cute utes"crowding America's roads.

But no one should have been surprised. Jeep wants to make a buck as much as the next auto brand, and subcompact SUVs are all the rage right now.

Besides, the Renegade is still

It has the trademark sevenslat grille and includes some signature Jeep touches inside like mud-splatter graphics on the dashboard dials. "Since 1941" is etched under the center console to remind you that although the Renegade may be the family baby, it's part of a long-running legacy.

More important, the fourwheel-drive Trailhawk model is king of the mountain when it comes to off-road performance. It's the most capable in the mini ute segment. Jeep was not about to cede that claim.

With Jeep being part of the Fiat Chrysler group, the Renegade is built in Melfi, Italy, and shares a factory, platform and components with the Fiat 500X.

It may be short in stature just 166.6 inches long—but it is long in character. From the front, with its black-accented grille, it looks like a mischievous little tyke ready to romp in the mud and sand. Two-tone alloys and black roof rails sharpen the look. Square tail lights are stamped with the Jeep emblem.

The Renegade, which comes in a variety of loud colors, also features lift-out roof panels that spell Wrangler-style adventure.

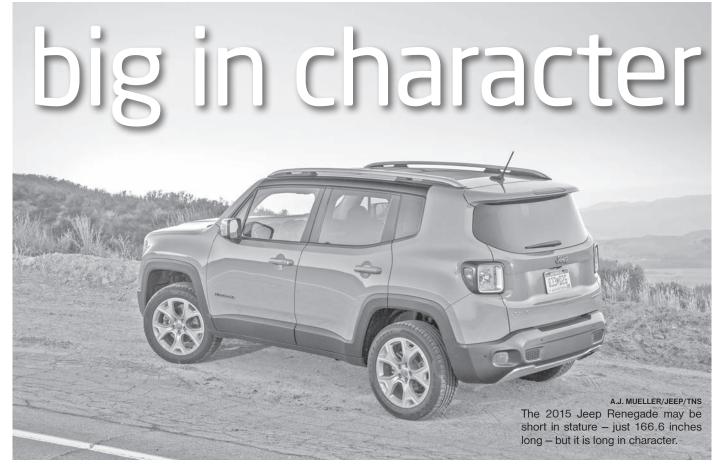
Short overhangs in both front and rear give the Renegade a stubby look but serve to enhance its climbing skills. Clearly, however, most drivers of the vehicle will only climb neighborhood hills and speed bumps as they head to the mall or run errands around town. They'll find the Renegade a blast to drive and easy to park. The short wheelbase, at 101.2 inches, means a slightly choppy ride.

Jeep serves up two engines, both with four cylinders, for the Renegade, which oddly, are comparable in terms of power. A 1.4-liter turbocharged engine is standard with the base Sport and Latitude trims and produces 160 horsepower and 184 poundfeet of torque.

It comes with a six-speed manual transmission that is smooth and fun to drive, but as there's little room in the vehicle's footwell, you might want to avoid wearing the floppy sandals or work boats when behind the wheel.

A nine-speed automatic trans-

## Jeep Renegade small in stature,



mission is optional with that engine and standard on the other, a 2.4-liter that puts out 180 horses and 175 pound-feet of torque. That's a few more horses but less torque than the 1.4 turbo. Fortunately, there's plenty of pull across the power band.

The Renegade feels sprightly on the road, with a decent jump from the get-go. The 1.4 runs smoothly and has a sporty feel. Not too surprising given the stats above, the vehicle's zero to 60 mph time is about 8.8 seconds with either engine.

When it comes to gas mileage, 1.4-liter engine gets 24 mpg in the city and 31 mpg on the highway. The 2.4-liter engine gets 21 mpg in the city and 29 on the highway.

Electric-assisted steering offers good feedback, and the Renegade feels well-controlled on corners. That's especially true on the standard frontwheel-drive versions, which sit two inches lower than the 4x4.

A full-time all-wheel-drive system is available on all four trim levels. In addition to offering an automatic setting, a fourmode control adjusts the system for enhanced performance in mud, sand or snow. On the highway, the system disengages the rear wheels and reverts to front-wheel-drive for better fuel

Though the Renegade is short, it's an inch wider than the Jeep Cherokee, and that means surprising shoulder and hip room for its class, especially for passengers in front. Backseat passengers are a little more cramped for legroom, there is sufficient space for three back there.

The cargo area has 18.5 cubic feet of space, but put the rear

seats down, and the cargo area opens up to a more generous 50.8 cubic feet. In the Limited trim, there is room to stow the removable sunroof panels under the cargo floor.

The Renegade's interior has a rugged Jeep-like feel. Fit and finish is clean, and the materials look and feel good, even if there

is some plastic about. Dials and instruments are well placed and easy to see and use.

The vehicle can be loaded with Jeep's Uconnect infotainment system, which remains among the best in the business. The intuitive system offers quick response and bright graphics on a 6.5-inch touchscreen. Users can even apply their own smartphone apps to the system.

For safety, the Renegade has no shortage of air bags, including front, driver-knee and full-length side-curtain bags. A rearview camera is standard on all but the base Sport. Optional tech-safety packages include

How about nitrogen in gasoline?

blind-spot monitor with crosstraffic alert, lane departure and lane-keep system, and frontal collision warning.

Despite its steel wheels and manual tranny, the Sport trim comes decently equipped, with a fixed, dual sunroof, automatic headlights, power windows and locks, and a telescoping steering wheel.

The Latitude adds alloy wheels, fog lights and roof rails plus the Uconnect control interface. The Limited gets 18-inch wheels, an improved driverinformation display and leathertrimmed seats with eight-way power for the driver.

The top-line four-wheel-drive Trailhawk goes off-road with all-terrain tires, raised suspension, skid plates, tow hooks and a full-size spare tire. Cloth upholstery is accented with red

But let's face it: Few will buy the Renegade for its off-road prowess. It's nice to have it, but Renegade shoppers are likely more interested in its price and fuel economy. And, of course, that mischievous yet charming character.

#### NUTS & BOLTS

#### 2015 Jeep

Renegade

■ Base Price: \$18,990

■ As tested (Latitude two-wheel-drive): \$22,365 (includes \$995 destination charge)

#### **MOTORING Q&A**

By PAUL BRAND STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

Q: The other day I stopped at a Shell station and found their higher-octane gas contained nitrogen. I believe that information posted about the gas said nitrogen was an additive. All of the concerns about ethanol levels and what is safe for which cars caused me to wonder about nitrogen. When I was a kid my friends would add nitrous oxide to their hot rods to get extreme performance out of the engines. Blown engines weren't uncommon. So is this a safe thing and/or even beneficial?

**A:** Don't confuse nitrogen as a detergent additive and nitrous oxide, a performance enhancer. When nitrous oxide is exposed to the extreme temperature of a combustion chamber, the nitrogen dioxide molecule splits into separate nitrogen and oxygen atoms. More oxygen allows more fuel to be burned, thus increasing power output of the engine.

Nitrogen has been used as a detergent in gasoline for some time. Its cleaning properties help reduce and remove carbon deposits from intake and is benefit to your engine from the use of gasoline with nitrogen additives. And there's no danger the nitrogen could contribute to a blown engine.

There has been some con-

sumer concern that nitrogen

added to gasoline could contribute to higher nitrogen oxide pollution. Remember exhaust gas recirculation, or EGR, valves? By reintroducing a small percentage of exhaust gas to the incoming fuel/air mixture, combustion temperatures were lowered a bit to help reduce nitrogen dioxide emissions. Oil companies tell us that nitrogen added as a detergent does not contribute to these emissions.

Q: I have been driving a Camry since 1984, and I drive them until they are dead. My current 2000 has about 220,000 miles on it. In July I had to drive my dad about 90 minutes away to see my mom. The struts were in need of replacement, and maybe a tire alignment, so my father felt my car wasn't safe. I've had the struts replaced but still need an alignment. He thinks stead. I am not ready to give this car up yet and am thinking of possibly getting a van when I retire so I am holding off for now. Do you think my father is right? I want to get him off my back.

A: Be thankful he cares about you enough to make this suggestion. And tell him that if he'd like to purchase the new vehicle for you, you'd be

extremely grateful! But I don't think

he's correct in feeling

your current Camry is

unsafe. I'm assuming that because it has survived 15 years and 220,000 miles, you've taken reasonable care of it and kept up with routine maintenance. If so, you are still comfortable and confident in the car and tires and brakes are in good shape, I think it is safe to continue driving the car.

Q: We have two vehicles that we drive less than 2,000 miles per year. One is a 2002 Toyota Corolla that sits idle in a cold Minnesota garage six months a year. The other is a 2005 Toyota Sienna van that sits in a hot Arizona garage for the other

six months a year. I use 5-30 standard oil in both vehicles. If the oil looks clean, is there a need to change the oil in these vehicles more than once per year?

**A:** No, I don't think so. Whether or not the oil looks relatively clean doesn't really mean much. Remember, motor oil is the engine's detergent so some discoloration as miles accumulate is completely normal. With so few miles driven annually in each car, the oil's additive package has not been depleted, meaning the oil is still fully serviceable.

Once-per-year oil/filter changes on my low-annualmileage vehicles has been my practice for many years.

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## Life & Style

## YouTube star Rachel Bloom is CW's 'Crazy Ex-Girlfriend'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The music video star is dressed right, in a low-cut catsuit that leaves little to the imagination. But her body language, as guided by the director, is somehow off.

"Can you please do the same thing, but grinding your pelvis a little?" he courteously asks, resulting in what can only be described as a geek's version of sexually provocative poses.

And when it comes to the empowered-woman pop song that Rachel Bloom is performing, something is definitely amiss.

"You've been tested for STDs, tell me please," she sings, breathily. "Waited the three-month window and got tested again. Most people don't know that."

The off-kilter video is part of the world of CW's "Crazy Ex-Girlfriend," starring comedian, actress and YouTube star Bloom. The debut episode, airing 8 p.m. EDT Monday, is a creative tour de force and the fall TV season's standout.

Showtime, which rejected the series, takes the loss and CW gets the win, a mate for its equally smart "Jane the Virgin" and the network's chance to expand its audience beyond the DC Comics and sci-fi-fantasy crowd now served by shows including "The Flash" and "Supernatural."

"Crazy Ex-Girlfriend" is a musical comedy vehicle that manages to be both emotionally hefty and light on its feet, with credit due to zippy writing; the



wickedly, sometimes raunchily funny music videos woven into each episode, and its leading lady's magnetism.

Bloom, 28, made an online splash with satirical videos including the animated "Historically Accurate Disney Princess Song" and "You Can Touch My Boobies," a pre-teen boy's fevered fantasy. She makes an effortless transition to breakout TV star in the CW's hour-long series.

The premise: Rebecca Bunch, a successful but deeply unhappy young New York lawyer, throws over her career after deciding that fate has decreed she reconnect with the boyfriend, Josh (Vincent Rodriguez III), who threw her over years ago.

With little encouragement from the man of her neurotic dreams, she pursues Josh from Manhattan to the West Coast, sort of. He lives in an inland

Southern California suburban community, the real-world, unglamorous West Covina, possibly in its first leading role.

Creators and executive producers Bloom and Aline Brosh McK-

Rachel Bloom arrives at the at 2015 PaleyFest Fall TV Previews at The Paley Center for Media on Monday, Sept. 14, 2015, in Beverly Hills, Calif.

enna use that framework to create a series that is "fizzy and upbeat," as McKenna describes it, but with a clear-eyed take on a confused Rebecca and modern romance.

Think of it as a rom-com skewed to the dark side, Bloom suggests, created by two feminists whose ambitious goal is to take the stereotypical phrase of its title and "deconstruct" it.

Brosh McKenna, a veteran screenwriter whose credits include "The Devil Wears Prada," expanded on their approach.

"There's a reason it's not called 'My Crazy Ex-Girlfriend.' That implies it's from the point of view of a man," she said. "We don't want that sort of distancing thing: 'This is a crazy (expletive).' Instead, it's what writing the music and lyrics.

it's like to live inside romantic obsession."

Said Bloom: "It's almost a comment, really, on romantic comedies.'

The total sum of "Crazy Ex-Girlfriend" reflects its creators' inspirations. For Bloom, seeing Mel Brooks "The Producers" was her introduction to "raunchy, dirty, laugh-out-loud musical comedy," with "South Park: Bigger Longer & Uncut" adding to her passion.

Brosh McKenna traces her starting point as a writer to discovering 1930s screwball comedies, and she likens Bloom's talent and appeal to that of Claudette Colbert. one of the era's great stars.

"Crazy Ex-Girlfriend" is both deliriously funny and stunningly ambitious. Each of the two or three music videos featured per episode are original tunes, with Bloom, her creative partner Jack Dolgen and Grammy Awardwinner Adam Schlesinger co-

## Thai beauty queen to dress like a tuk-tuk at Miss Universe

**BANGKOK** (AP)—The smoke-belching, ear-splitting, undisciplined rickshaws known as tuk-tuks are part of the chaos on Bangkok's clogged streets.

Soon however, the tuk-tuk will stroll down a more refined runway, when Miss Thailand pays homage to her country at the Miss Universe 2015 pageant dressed as the iconic motorized rickshaw. Her outfit comes complete with headlights and handlebars

The "Tuk Tuk Thailand" dress will be worn by Aniporn Chalermburanawong in the "national costume" round at the pageant in December in the United States. It was the winning design from 356 entries in a contest held by Miss Universe Thailand.

The Miss Universe Thailand organization announced the selection on its Facebook page, saying the outfit "has a metallic feel and look" that utilizes 3-D technology.

"The tuk-tuk dress will flash lights like a real tuk-tuk," said Kaveerat Kunapat, a spokestached to the costume is a backpanel of judges that included Reviews of the dress were woman for Miss Universe Thailand. "It will be one of a kind."

The outfit features an electric blue bustier and mini-skirt with thigh-high black tights—and a central headlight with handle-





This illustration released Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2015, by Miss Universe Thailand Organizer shows Miss Universe Thailand 2015 Aniporn Chalermburanawong wearing a dress that looks like a "tuk-tuk," a threewheeled motorized taxi.

drop of a tuk-tuk in Thailand's national colors-red, white and blue—with six national flags, a dozen more headlights and an overhead banner that says: "Thailand."

bars just below the bosom. At- Kaveerat said a 5-member tative of Thailand." fine arts professors, fashion designers and Miss Thailand herself wanted to break from the past style of traditional Thai silk dresses and present something 'eye-catching but still represen-

mixed. Some hailed it as unique and creative. Others cracked jokes, like one online commentator who said it looked more like an outfit from the "Transformers."

#### book is 'not a real book' NEW YORK (AP)—Stephenie Meyer acknowledges her new book isn't exactly "new." Appearing Thursday at

'Twilight' author says new

New York Comic Con, the author spoke of the 10th anniversary edition of the first book of her blockbuster "Twilight" series. The release includes the original "Twilight" along with "Life and Death," essentially the same story, except she switched the names and genders of the main characters, with Bella and Edward now Beau and Edythe.

"I want to say this is not a real book, and I am totally aware of this," she said at the Jacob Javits Convention Center, adding that she considered Life and Death" bonus material.

Published earlier this week, "Twilight Tenth Anniversary/ Life and Death Dual Edition" was No. 2 on Amazon.com's best-seller list as of late Thursday, although numerous readers have complained "Life and Death" often contains the exact wording of "Twilight."

Meyer said that she switched the genders in response to reader complaints that Bella, the teen girl in love with a vampire, was an old-fashioned "damsel in distress." She wanted to prove that the story worked just as well with the genders reversed, and said that doing it was "fun, and when something is fun you tend to keep doing it."

At least one fan attending agreed with Meyer's take. Nadia Washington, a 33-yearold medical staffer from New Jersey, said that when she read the "Twilight" book she didn't fall in love with the actual characters, but with their "internal love."

"So it's the same way now that it (the vampire) is a girl,"

Meyer otherwise had to break the news that fans shouldn't expect to see "Midnight Sun" anytime soon. The "Twilight" companion novel narrated from the vampire Edward's point of view was abandoned by Meyer in 2008 after parts of it leaked online.

### Al Franken working on book about his years in Washington

NEW YORK (AP)—U.S. Sen. Al Franken is not done with his career as an author.

The second-term Minnesota Democrat, former "Saturday Night Live" writer-performer, and best-selling author is working on a memoir about his years in Washington. He is describing it as a "psychological thriller,"

in which he will recount the frustrations and the hopes of life in the Senate, with a few jokes likely added.

The 64-year-old Franken was a prominent liberal satirist before joining the Senate in 2009. He had great success with such books as "Rush Limbaugh is a Big Fat Idiot" and "Lies And the Lying Liars Who Tell Them: A Fair and Balanced Look at the Right," which infuriated one of its subjects, Fox News host Bill O'Reilly, and led Fox to briefly attempt legal action for using the network's slogan "Fair and Balanced."

The new book doesn't yet have a title or publisher. Franken

is being represented by Washington attorney Robert Barnett, who said Thursday that he will be in touch with publishers over the next couple of weeks. Barnett's other clients include President Barack Obama and one of Franken's fellow Democrats in the Senate, Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts.

## Film portrays costs of South Korean craze for top schools

BUSAN, South (AP)—A documentary film about the social and personal costs of South Koreans' craze for being admitted to the nation's top three universities depicts a system that is a far cry from President Barack Obama's praise of the Asian country as a model for U.S. educational reforms.

"Reach for the SKY" follows three students and a teacher working for a test-prep company before and after South Korea's college entrance exam.

The once-a-year exam is the final and the crucial checkpoint to enter "SKY," a shorthand reference to the country's three most prestigious universities.

Gaining admission to a SKY school is the ultimate goal of one's 12-year education and is akin to being admitted to a better class of people who later lead a company or the country. Only the top few test-takers reach the SKY. The rest spend another year or two working to improve scores and retake the test-the "repeaters" in the movie-or they are doomed to live out their lives as losers.

'We wanted to focus on the kids who are in a race for their own life," said South Korean co-director Choi Wooyoung. "And think about the energy that we all consume only for the top 1 percent."

The documentary, a co-production of Belgium and South Korea, premiered during the 20th Busan International Film Festival, which ends Saturday.

The scenes in the film cannot be farther from Obama's image of South Korea as a country where schoolteachers are re-



In this Oct. 3, 2015 photo, co-directors South Korean Choi Wooyoung, right, and Belgian Steven Dhoedt pose for a photo in Seoul, South

vered as "nation builders" and students stay longer at schools for the better.

The test-prep English teacher is seen on film as a guru, a rock star of test prepping, who reads an English sentence, "Have the courage to follow your heart and intuition," to students who do not.

He's drives a BMW in an early scene and later is shown backstage being introduced as if he were the world's boxing champion. As he steps onto the stage, applause from tens of thousands of students fills the

Olympic stadium. As the testprep employee shares strategies for the upcoming exam, the camera pans the stadium and it becomes clear who the real teacher is in the country. The students are riveted as if they were watching Apple announce a new iPhone.

For the foreign director of the documentary, the stadium scene was one of the astounding aspects of the South Korean educational system.

"But none of it is ridiculous, if you understand the context. And somehow I hope that's what this

film can show," said co-director Steven Dhoedt.

Choi and Dhoedt got rare scenes of life at a private boarding school for "repeaters," recent high-school graduates dedicating one or more years at a testing boot camp to try to attain SKY-level scores when they retake the exam. The place embodied the academic craze in the Korean education system, Dhoedt said, and getting access there meant easing worries that the crew's presence would distract the students from preparing for the college exam.

"It really sums up the level of commitment that students and parents are willing to put in to get to a good university," the Belgian director aid.

The climax of the movie comes on the day of the Suneung exam, which dictates every corner of life in South Korea, not just those of the three students the directors follow. The landing of an airplane is controlled so that the noise will not interfere with the listening test, and a news anchor describes the exam's progress in a live broadcast outside a full-day Suneung

The documentary will likely add a new dimension to the global discussion about South Korean education, which has been thus far spotlighted often for its ability to produce academically excellent, hard-working students or for its creativity-stifling, hyper-competitive environment with one of the world's fastest-growing youth suicide rates.

"The most important discovery I have made is that a lot of students are often victims of their own ambition and aspirations," Dhoedt said. "Before I thought, rather naively, that they were all victims of a very demanding school system of which there was no escape. But it's not necessarily that black and white."

Minjun, one of the "repeaters" in the movie, decides to spend another year to improve his scores even though his father, a self-made man, says going to a good university is not all that important to have a good life.

"But the boy doesn't want to believe him. He has told himself he needs to get into Korea university, at all cost. Because he feels that's what society has told him to do his entire life," said Dhoedt.

The film took four years to complete, since beginning researching in the winter of 2011 and filmed throughout three Suneung exams.

"Reach for the SKY" is scheduled to be aired on the National Geographic channel in South Korea and other television networks in Belgium, Germany and Finland.

## 'Pan' lacks magic at the box office; 'The Martian' soars

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"Pan" produced no Neverland magic at the box office.

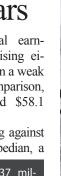
The fantasy, which cost an estimated \$150 million to produce, earned \$15.5 million in its opening weekend, according to Rentrak estimates Sunday making it one of the worst bombs of the year. Early tracking did not look promising for the Joe Wright-directed film but still predicted that "Pan" would open at least in the \$20 million

The PG-rated epic, sold as a Peter Pan origin story and a lavish visual feast, has had a bumpy ride from the beginning, starting when actress Rooney Mara, who is white, was cast as Tiger Lily, who is historically Native American. The film, starring Hugh Jackman and Garrett Hedlund, also had been pushed from July to October. It has not been well-received by critics, either.

"Pan" now ranks among 2015's biggest flops, including "Fantastic Four" and "Tomorrowland." International earnings don't look promising either. The film brought in a weak \$20.5 million. For comparison, "The Martian" earned \$58.1

"This had a lot going against it," said Paul Dergarabedian, a

- "The Martian," \$37 million (\$58.1 million interna-
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senior media analyst for Rentrak.

He also believes competition in the family market from the Halloween-themed animated feature "Hotel Transylvania 2" hurt "Pan."

"Family films always have an audience, but that audience is extremely fickle and hard to please, just like the kids who go to these movies," Dergarabedian said. "You just never know what's going to resonate."

Sony's high-wire spectacle "The Walk" also stumbled in its first weekend in wide release, after debuting on IMAX screens last week. The tale of Philippe Petit's tight-rope walk between the towers of the World Trade Center earned \$3.7 million this weekend, bringing its total to \$6.4 million. Joseph Gordon-Levitt stars in film directed by Robert Zemeckis.

Not all was bleak at the box office, though. Ridley Scott's space adventure "The Martian" earned a solid \$37 million in its second week in theaters, nabbing the top spot once more. Its domestic total now stands at \$108.7 million.

"Hotel Transylvania 2" took second place in its third weekend with \$20.3 million, bumping its total to \$116.8 million. "Pan" came in at No. 3.

Nancy Meyers' workplace comedy "The Intern" earned \$8.7 million, and the border thriller "Sicario" brought in \$7.4 million, rounding out the top five.

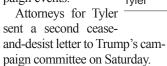
Jobs," the biopic of the late Apple CEO directed by Danny Boyle and written by Aaron Sorkin, opened in four theaters in New York and Los Angeles to a powerful \$520,942. Its \$130,000 per-theater average ranks as the best of the year and should bode well for the film's expansion across the next two weeks.

"This is a movie everyone's talking about, and now they're going to be talking about it even Outside the top 10, "Steve more," Dergarabedian said.



## Aerosmith frontman asks Trump Decades of James Bond's cars hit the streets of Paris campaign to stop using song

**ANGELES** (AP)—Aerosmith frontman Steven Tyler is asking Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump to stop using the power ballad "Dream On" at campaign events.



The letter says that Trump does "not have our client's permission to use 'Dream On'" or any of Tyler's other songs and that it "gives the false impres-



sion that he is connected with or endorses Mr. Trump's presidential bid."

Tyler, who is a registered Republican, attended the GOP contenders' first debate in August.

Attorney LaPolt said in a statement that the letter is not a "political" or "personal issue with Mr. Trump," but it's one of permission and copyright.

Representatives for Trump did not immediately respond to request for comment.

#### **SHOWBIZ TIDBITS**

#### Books on autism, technology up for **Samuel Johnson Prize**

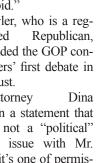
LONDON (AP)—Two pro-

vocative books about the brain are among six finalists for Britain's leading literary award for nonfiction. U.S. writer Steve Silberman's autism exploration "Neurotribes" and British journalist Laurence Scott's look at humanity in the cyber-era, "The Four-Dimensional Human," are shortlisted for the 20,000-pound (\$31,000) Samuel Johnson Prize. The other finalists, announced Sunday, are Indian writer Subramanian's Samanth book about Sri Lanka's civil war, "This Divided Island"; Jonathan Bate's poet biography "Ted Hughes: The Unauthorized Life"; Robert Macfarlane's literary nature tour "Landmarks"; and Emma Sky's war memoir "The Unravelling: High Hopes and Missed Opportunities in Iraq." Named for the 18th-century essayist and lexicographer, the Samuel Johnson Prize recognizes English-language nonfiction books from any

country. The winner will be announced Nov. 2 at a London ceremony.

#### Jail records: Scarface arrested after

ATLANTA (AP)—Jail records show rapper Scarface has been arrested for not making child support payments after being honored at the BET Hip-Hop Awards in Atlanta. Fulton County jail's website says Scarface was arrested Friday. He had first given his acceptance speech for receiving the "I Am Hip Hop" award at the Boisfeuillet (BOH'-fihl-ay) Jones Atlanta Civic Center. Scarface, whose real name is Brad Jordan, was honored for his music achievements. Bond has been set at \$482,190 for the 44-year-old rapper. An email to his representative hasn't been returned. The Houston-based gained fame in the late 1980s with the group Geto Boys through the song "Mind Playing Tricks on Me." He is known for songs such as



## receiving BET award

Scarface "Smile," "My Block" and "I Seen a Man Die."



**PARIS** (AP)—O branch is paying a visit to Paris with the arrival of nearly 20 cars featured in James Bond films over the years. From the Sunbeam Alpine in

the 1962 "Dr. No" to this year's Aston Martin, the cars paraded down the Champs Elysees on Sunday after arraying in front of the Arc de Triomphe.

Minus the submarine car from "The Spy Who Loved Me," the display comes before the release of "Spectre" this fall and includes the Aston Martin DB10 created for the film, which features in a chase scene through the streets of Rome.

An Aston Marton DB10, cen-

The film will be released on Nov. 6 in the U.S. and Oct. 26 in Britain.

## Jimi Hendrix family suing Tucson shop owner for guitar

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)—The estate of Jimi Hendrix is suing a Tucson man for a guitar once owned by the legendary guitarist.

The Arizona Daily Star in Tucson reported Sunday that Experience Hendrix LLC, the company that runs Hendrix's estate, wants a Pima County Superior Court judge to order the guitar returned.

According to the Oct. 2, complaint, the estate says Harvey Moltz, owner of Rainbow Guitars, is not the rightful owner of the Acoustic Black Widow guitar.

Estate attorney Ed McPherson says the guitar is valued between \$750,000 and \$1 million. The lawsuit is also seeking damages.

Moltz says he purchased the guitar in June 2014 from someone who bought it from Sheldon Reynolds, ex-husband of Hendrix's adopted sister, Janie Hendrix.

McPherson says Reynolds, a former member of Earth, Wind, and Fire, stole it.

"The guitar is priceless to our family," Janie said in an email. She is the CEO of Experience Hendrix. "It is one of the few

guitars that came home after Jimi passed away. We just want our guitar returned safely and back where it belongs."

Tucson-based lawyer Todd Jackson is representing Moltz.

"My client purchased the guitar in good faith from a private seller, without knowledge of competing claims of ownership," he said.

### Michelle Obama celebrates International Day of the Girl

WASHINGTON (AP)—Michelle Obama is grooving to the tunes of Beyonce, Demi Lovato and Esperanza Spalding as she celebrates the International Day

The first lady tweeted Sunday a link to her "girl power" music playlist on the streaming music platform Spotify. The U.N. has designated Oct. 11 to promote

awareness for gender inequality around the world.

Mrs. Obama's playlist includes pop hits like Alicia Keys' "Girl on Fire" and "Bang Bang" by Jessie J, Ariana Grande and Nicki Minaj. The first lady notes sisterhood with songs by girl groups including TLC's "No Scrubs" and "Survivor" by Destiny's

Child. The playlist also includes some soulful tunes by Aretha Franklin, Diana Ross and Billie Holiday.

Mrs. Obama is promoting her "Let Girls Learn" campaign, which aims to expand access to education for more than 62 million girls around the world some in developing countries and encourages American girls

to take advantage of their opportunities.

President Barack Obama released his Spotify playlists while vacationing on Martha's Vineyard over the summer. His daytime and evening playlists included tracks by Justin Timberlake, Stevie Wonder, Bob Dylan, Mary J. Blige, Frank Sinatra and Lauryn Hill.

## Woman's hidden HIV status must be brought to light

EAR ABBY: I'm writing regarding the letter from "She's Killing Them in Indiana" (July 8) and your response to the writer, whose friend is HIV-positive and doesn't tell her partners her diagnosis. I am a disease intervention specialist (DIS) in Indiana and work specifically with STDs like HIV.

In Indiana there is a duty to warn law that requires anyone who is HIV-positive to inform any past or present sexual or needlesharing partners of her/his HIV status. At the time of diagnosis, all providers inform the patient of this, and DIS's like me are required to get a signed copy of this law from HIV-positive individuals.

This year there was a large outbreak of HIV in a rural southern area of Indiana. More than 100 new infections occurred within just three short months. If individuals like this woman do not inform partners, then the risk is high for another outbreak.

The person who wrote you should contact the Indiana State Department of Health's Recalcitrant Program and inform them of this situation. All information is kept confidential. Counseling could be provided, and then if she continues not informing, legal action could be taken against her.

MELISSA MURAWSKI

DEAR MELISSA: Readers were upset about the gravity of that letter. They felt it was not only a health issue but also one

of morality, and the legal issues could land the writer's friend in serious trouble, including jail. You are right that the person who wrote that letter should contact the appropriate authorities and report her friend's dangerous and risky behavior.

**DEAR ABBY:** My wife and I have been together for 10 years. Like all couples do, we've had our ups and downs, but we love each other very much. Two months ago, we welcomed our first son into our family; we are overjoyed.

Raising a newborn has its challenges because babies don't come with an owner's manual. Our communication has always been good, and we work hard in our relationship to keep it that way. When we disagree, we try not to fight in front of the baby or raise

But something my wife does bothers me. She talks about me to the baby. An example: "Apparently you're too stressful for Daddy right now, but not for me." I have asked her to please not do it. I understand that he's only 2 months old and can't understand her, but I don't feel disparaging me in front of him is right. Am I wrong? Or am I being overly sensitive?

NEEDS HELP IN NEW YORK

DEAR NEEDS HELP: I don't think you're being overly

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sensitive. It is important for an infant's development that the parents talk to him or her. While your baby may be too young to understand what's being said right now, your wife is forming a habit that both of you may regret later. It implies that she is the "good mommy" and you are the "bad daddy" who can't deal with his son. If this continues, at some point the boy WILL get the message, and it won't be good for the relationship you have with her or the one you have with your son.

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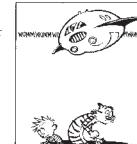
## **Pastimes**

#### Calvin and Hobbes

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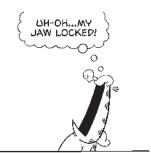




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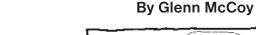
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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Sacha** Baron Cohen, 44; Kate Walsh, 48; Kelly Preston, 53; Marie Osmond, 56.

Happy Birthday: Don't dwell on the past. Live in the moment and make the most efficient moves to guide you into the future. Use your skills, intellect and experience to make the changes that will bring you the greatest happiness. Shake things up and don't fear what others think or say. It's your life and it's time you started living it. Your numbers are 2, 13, 22, 27, 34, 38, 46.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Listen to someone you respect and you will gain the momentum to do your own thing. Learn from past experiences and make the changes that will improve your life. It's time to shake things up and take on new challenges. Embrace the future. OOO

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Professional connections will be able to help you advance. Romance is in the stars, and socializing will spark interest in a change of location or developing a long-distance relationship. Emotions will escalate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Being too opinionated will lead to an unfortunate misunderstanding. Don't let anger take over when you should be directing physical efforts into improvements. Diplomacy will be necessary if you want to convince others to do things your way. 🛇 🗘

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Stop pontificating and start practicing. Make personal and professional changes that will fit your current plans. Don't worry about complainers if realistic suggestions aren't being offered. Follow your intuition and success will be yours. Do something special for someone you love. OOOOO

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your ability to outtalk and outmaneuver others will put you in a key position. Tell it like it is and do what you have to do to reach your goals. Take on a challenge and you'll impress someone of influence. OOO

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Back away politely if someone is demanding. Put some pressure on the people who need to do their fair share, and it will happen. An event or activity that interests you deserves your undivided attention. Do what's best for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Try something new and you will meet someone you enjoy spending time with. Don't limit the possibilities by sticking around someone who brings you down. Venture into new ter-

ritory and see what transpires. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Beef up your resume or find a new creative outlet that has the potential to bring in a few extra dollars. Good fortune can be yours if you al-

low your imagination to wander and your talents to expand in new directions. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll face opposition if you exaggerate your qualifications. A problem with

someone you are close to will set you back if you have promised to get involved in a joint venture. Stick close to home and avoid dealing with institutions. OOOO

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't give in to someone using emotional manipulation. Protect your assets and possessions and be prepared to say no if necessary. Trust only in the things that you know to be factual. Love is highlighted.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Make your money work for you. You can sign contracts, move money around or invest in something that will help you alter an agreement that no longer fits your current situation. Speak up and make things happen. �����

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Find out what's expected of you before you accept help. Someone will try to steal your thunder or take credit for something you did all by yourself. Protect your rights and present the facts. Don't commit to anything or anyone.

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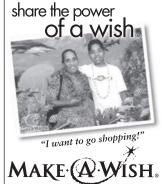
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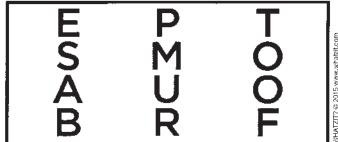
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## Brady, Patriots pull away from Romo-less Cowboys, 30-6



another score, and the New England Patriots pulled away from a powerless Dallas offense missing Tony Romo and Dez Bryant for a 30-6 victory over the Cowboys on Sunday.

Brady guided two long touchdown drives in the second half after getting sacked five times before halftime, including once each by Greg Hardy and Rolando McClain in their returns from four-game suspensions.

The 38-year-old Brady joined Peyton Manning and Fran Tarkenton as the only NFL quarterbacks to get off to 4-0 starts at least four times. The Super Bowl champions won their seventh straight game, including the playoffs last season.

The Cowboys (2-3) lost their third straight without Romo and his top receiver, and backup Brandon Weeden lost his 11th in a row as a starter.

#### Bengals 27, Seahawks 24, OT

In Cincinnati, Andy Dalton led the Bengals from a 17-point fourth-quarter deficit to a 27-24 overtime victory on Sunday over the Seattle Seahawks, keeping Cincinnati undefeated with the second-biggest comeback in its history.

Trailing 24-7 as the fourth quarter started, Dalton threw for a touchdown, ran for another and led the Bengals on a 69-yard drive without a timeout. Mike Nugent tied it with a 31-yard field goal on the final play of regulation.

Nugent was good again from 42 yards with 3:36 left in overtime, the ball deflecting off the left upright before going through. It matched the second-biggest comeback in Cincinnati's history when trailing in the fourth quarter.

The Bengals are 5-0 for the first time since 1988, the last time they went to the Super Bowl.

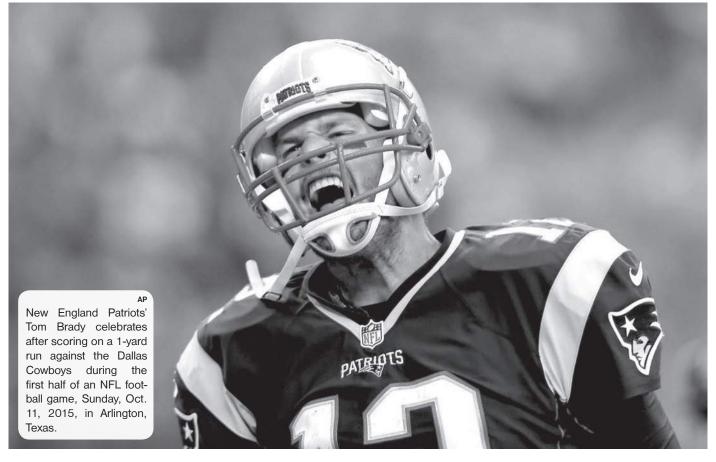
Seattle (2-3) punted twice in overtime, giving the Bengals a chance to pull it out.

#### Falcons 25, Redskins 19, OT

In Atlanta, Robert Alford returned an interception 59 yards for a touchdown, keeping the Falcons unbeaten.

The Redskins had the first possession of OT, and Kirk Cousins moved the team to midfield. When wide receiver Ryan Grant slipped on a pass route, Alford caught Cousins' pass and was left with open field down the Falcons' sideline for the touchdown.

Devonta Freeman's apparent 13-yard TD catch in the final minute of regulation was ruled incomplete on a review. Freeman scored on 6-yard run two plays later to give Atlanta a 19-



16 lead. Dustin Hopkins' 52yard field goal on the final play of regulation forced overtime.

The Falcons (5-0) overcame two interceptions and a lost fumble by Matt Ryan. Freeman had 27 carries for 153 yards and the touchdown.

The Redskins (2-3) were denied their attempt for their first back-to-back wins in almost a year—since Weeks 7 and 8 in 2014.

#### Giants 30, 49ers 27

In East Rutherford, New Jersey, Larry Donnell's spectacular catch over two 49ers with 21 seconds remaining lifted New York past San Francisco, capping Eli Manning's sensational clutch performance.

Manning had a career-best 41 completions and his perfect throw to Donnell finished off an 82-yard drive with a 12-yard touchdown. It made him the winningest quarterback in team history with 102.

New York (3-2) has won three straight and leads the NFC East. San Francisco (1-4) has lost four in a row.

Carlos Hyde's 2-yard run with 1:45 remaining gave the 49ers the lead. But on a night of huge plays and lengthy drives, Manning had the topper.

#### Browns 33, Ravens 30, OT

In Baltimore, Travis Coons kicked a 32-yard field goal in overtime and Josh McCown threw for a team-record 457 yards.

Cleveland (2-3) had lost 13 of the previous 14 meetings between these AFC North foes, but in this one the Browns rallied from a 12-point deficit to leave the Ravens (1-4) alone in the division cellar.

Playing its second straight overtime game, Baltimore went three-and-out on the first possession of the extra session. Mc-

Cown then used more than seven minutes to move the Browns 51 yards before Coons kicked his fourth field goal with 6:43 left in OT.

McCown completed 36 of 51 passes with two touchdowns in becoming the first quarterback in Browns history with three straight 300-yard games. He broke the team record of 444 yards passing set by Brian Sipe on Oct. 25, 1981, against the Baltimore Colts.

Joe Flacco ran for two 1-yard touchdowns and threw for a score, but fell to 13-2 against Cleveland.

#### Packers 24, Rams 10

In Green Bay, Wisconsin, Aaron Rodgers threw for two touchdowns and 241 yards, but his impressive string of not being intercepted at Lambeau Field ended.

Rodgers was 19 of 30 for 241 yards with long scoring strikes to receivers Ty Montgomery and James Jones. But NFL-record streaks of 587 pass attempts and 49 touchdown passes at home without an interception for Rodgers ended in the first quarter on linebacker James Laurinaitis' diving pick of a tipped ball for the Rams (2-3).

Rodgers threw another interception in the second quarter before losing a fumble in the third.

Relentless pressure on quarterback Nick Foles helped keep the Packers (5-0) unbeaten. Foles threw a career-worst four interceptions, two in the fourth quarter inside the Packers 10.

Rookie cornerback Quinten Rollins returned an interception 45 yards for a touchdown for a 14-0 lead in the first quarter, and picked off another pass at the 7 with 23 seconds left.

#### Broncos 16, Raiders 10

In Oakland, California, Chris Harris Jr. returned a fourthquarter interception 74 yards for a touchdown as the Broncos overcame a shaky day from Peyton Manning.

Manning was intercepted twice by 1998 draft classmate Charles Woodson and failed to lead the Broncos (5-0) to an offensive touchdown for the second time in five games this season. But Denver's defense made sure it didn't matter, getting a third defensive touchdown of 2015.

Derek Carr threw for 249 yards and one touchdown for the Raiders (2-3), but was done in by the interception midway through the fourth quarter with Oakland in position for a possible go-ahead field goal.

The Raiders added a late 50yard field goal by Sebastian Janikowski following a 48-yard pass interference penalty on Bradley Roby, but Denver recovered the onside kick.

Manning finished 22 for 35 for 266 yards, was sacked twice and had two interceptions. Denver ran for only 43 yards.

This was Denver's secondlowest scoring regular season with Manning as quarterback, ahead of only a seven-point effort last year against St. Louis.

The Broncos have now won eight straight in this series but the Raiders had plenty of chances in this one. Janikowski missed a pair of field goals before Carr's late gaffe ended Oakland's hopes.

#### Cardinals 42, Lions 17

In Detroit, Carson Palmer threw for three touchdowns, while Matthew Stafford was benched after throwing a third interception.

The Cardinals (4-1) have a two-game lead in the NFC West. The Lions (0-5) have the dubious distinction of being the NFL's only winless team and are off to their worst start since becoming the league's only

0-16 team in 2008.

Palmer was poised and efficient, completing 11 of 14 passes for 161 yards, with a 14-yard pass to Darren Fells, an 18-yard connection to John Brown, and a 2-yard strike to Larry Fitzgerald for scores.

Stafford simply struggled, getting picked off on passes well short of receivers and missing at least one wide-open option. He was replaced in the third quarter by Dan Orlovsky. Orlovsky played on the 0-16 Lions.

#### Bears 18, Chiefs 17

In Kansas City, Missouri, Jay Cutler led the Bears to a pair of fourth-quarter touchdowns, the second an alert toss to Matt Forte with 18 seconds left.

Kansas City lost star running back Jamaal Charles to a potentially season-ending right knee injury.

Chicago (2-3) trailed 17-3 early in the third quarter when Charles went down while trying to make a cut. The preliminary diagnosis was a torn ACL and Charles will have an MRI exam Monday.

The Bears quickly seized the momentum.

After Robbie Gould's second field goal got them going, Cutler led an 88-yard drive that he capped with a 22-yard strike to Marquess Wilson with 3:05 left. The 2-point conversion came up short, but the Bears defense responded by forcing a quick three-and-out.

With help from a pass interference call on Chiefs rookie Marcus Peters, the Bears quickly moved downfield. That's when Cutler took a snap from the shotgun, dropped the ball, picked it up and spotted Forte running past safety Husain Abdullah in the end zone for the go-ahead score.

The Chiefs (1-4) tried a 66-yard field goal that came up short as time expired.

#### Eagles 39, Saints 17

In Philadelphia, Sam Bradford overcame two red-zone interceptions and threw for 333 yards and two touchdowns, while Fletcher Cox forced two fumbles on sacks.

Ryan Mathews and DeMarco Murray each rushed for touchdowns to help the Eagles (2-3) break out of their offensive slump. They snapped a threegame losing streak at home that dated to last season.

Drew Brees had three turnovers leading to 17 points for Philadelphia, and the Saints fell to 1-4 a week after an overtime win against Dallas.

Bradford and the rest of the offense struggled through the first quarter of the season. It looked like more of the same after he threw two INTs in the end zone, but he bounced back from the rough start. Philadelphia rushed for 186 yards.

#### Bills 14, Titans 13

In Nashville, Tennessee, Tyrod Taylor threw a touchdown pass, ran for another and even caught a pass in rallying the Bills.

With their top two running backs and top wide receiver injured, Taylor ran for 77 yards as the Bills (3-2) snapped a fivegame skid against Tennessee.

Taylor ran for a 22-yard TD late in the third quarter after a 26-yard run that was Buffalo's biggest play of the game. Taylor also scrambled for 24 more on third-and-23 from the Bills 7, jumpstarting an 80-yard drive he capped with a 2-yard TD pass to Chris Hogan. Taylor caught a 4-yard pass from Hogan to set up that TD.

Stephon Gilmore intercepted Marcus Mariota's pass with 1:32 left to seal the win.

The Titans (1-3) blew a second straight double-digit lead at home.

## Buccaneers 38, Jaguars 31

In Tampa, Florida, Doug Martin ran for 123 yards and scored three touchdowns, helping Jameis Winston rebound from his worst pro performance.

The Bucs (2-3) snapped an 11-game home losing streak that dated to December 2013, the same month the Jaguars (1-4) began an equally agonizing road skid that now stands at 12.

Winston threw for 209 yards and one touchdown without an interception, redeeming himself after turning the ball over five times in a 14-point loss to Carolina last week.

Blake Bortles passed for 303 yards and four TDs, but also threw an interception that set up a Bucs touchdown. The Jaguars gave up a 58-yard punt return that led to Martin's 10-yard TD reception, and rookie Corey Grant lost a third-quarter fumble that defensive end Jacquies Smith returned 3 yards for a score that put Tampa Bay ahead for good.

## Blue Jays avoid elimination, beat Texas, 5-1

Texas (AP)-Troy Tulowitzki settled down at the podium after helping the Toronto Blue Jays extend the AL Division Series, his left shoulder and arm constantly pulsating from the medical device attached to him.

Tulowitzki, still far from 100 percent from a collision that forced him to miss 19 games after being acquired by the Blue Jays, had certainly flexed his muscles on the field Sunday night in Game 3, a 5-1 win over the Texas Rangers.

"Good enough to go, good enough to play. Tons of treatment to be honest with you. I could do it all day," Tulowitzki said. "But just go out there and play and see what happens."

Tulowitzki drove in four runs, including three with a homer for his first hit in these playoffs, and the Blue Jays cut their deficit to 2-1 in the best-of-five series.

The victory was Toronto's first in the postseason since Joe Carter's home run won the 1993 World Series.

Marco Estrada limited the Rangers to one run and five hits over 6 1-3 innings, with four strikeouts and no walks.

Tulowitzki's drive to left with two outs in the sixth inning put the Blue Jays up 5-0.

"It was definitely huge and in the moment I was definitely pumped up. Got back to the dugout and everybody's obviously excited to put us up by five," Tulowitzki said. "A little breathing room, I think that's the goal down 2-0."

That was two innings after he drew a bases-loaded walk. He missed most of the final three weeks of the regular season because of a cracked shoulder blade and bruised muscles in his upper back.

"Tulo needed that, he really did," manager John Gibbons



said. "He had that long layoff after the injury and then it's been kind of a battle for him. Maybe that sets him off. ... If he catches fire, we're real dangerous."

Texas has another chance Monday to clinch the series at home. If not, a deciding Game 5 will be played Wednesday in Toronto, where the Rangers won the first two games.

Game 3 came a week after the Rangers clinched the AL West title on the final day of the regular season, in their third chance to do so.

"We've been in this situation

before. This is not new to this ballclub," manager Jeff Banister said. "We knew that Toronto was going to be ready to play today.'

Texas left-hander Martin Perez, somewhat a surprise pick as the Game 3 starter over veterans Derek Holland and Colby Lewis, gave up four runs and six hits while pitching into the sixth.

Holland (4-3) starts Game 4 against knuckleballer R.A. Dickey (11-11).

The Blue Jays had their leadoff hitter at second base to start each the third through fifth innings, a span that included three double plays ignited by second baseman Rougned Odor.

Toronto started the sixth with consecutive singles to chase Perez, and Edwin Encarnacion then drew a 10-pitch walk from rookie reliever Chi Chi Gonzalez to load the bases before the Rangers' fourth double play in an as many innings.

First baseman Mitch Moreland fielded Chris Colabello's hard-hit hopper, threw home for the first out and got back to the bag to take the return throw.

Tulowitzki, then 0 for 11 in the series, followed with his homer on a full-count changeup.

"He had not found the barrel until that point," Banister said. 'Non-executed pitch."

It was only the second postseason homer in 69 career postseason at-bats for Tulowitzki. The first 57 ABs came in 15 playoff games in 2007 and 2009 for the Colorado Rockies, who traded the shortstop to Toronto on July 27.

Tulowitzki was a career .179

After hitting a three-run home run against the Texas Rangers, Toronto Blue Jays shortstop Troy Tulowitzki, center celebrates with right fielder Jose Bautista (19), and designated hitter Edwin Encarnacion (10), right, during the sixth inning in Game 3 of baseball's American League Division Series Sunday, Oct. 11, 2015, in Arlington, Texas.

postseason hitter until the homer. He later singled.

With Estrada on the mound, Dioner Navarro was the Blue Jays starting catcher instead of playoff veteran Russell Martin.

Navarro got Toronto's first hit, a double leading off the third, and he scored when Odor initially bobbled a grounder by Ryan Goins before reaching back with his right foot to touch the base and throwing the first to complete the first double play.

Josh Donaldson led off the fourth with a double and scored when Tulowitzki was the third consecutive batter walked by Perez. Donaldson was greeted with a chorus of boos from Rangers fans, who apparently read lips during his dustup with reliever Keone Kela in the 13th inning of Game 2 that Texas won 6-4 in the 14th.

The bases were still loaded in the fourth when Navarro had an inning-ending 4-6-3 double play a pitch after a hard foul down the third-base line.

Odor made a backhanded catch with his glove just off the ground on Ben Revere's broken-bat soft liner, then doubled off Kevin Pillar, who had broken home to end the fifth.

"We were in real good position all night long. They made a couple of great double plays," Gibbons said. "You wonder what's going on here, you go maybe this isn't meant to be."

Tulo made certain it was.

## Astros take 2-1 series lead over Royals with 4-2 win HOUSTON (AP)—Dallas "But it's really not a confidence save of more than three outs in win games," Carter said.

**HOUSTON** Keuchel's perfect performance in Houston this year has the upstart Astros one win away from the American League Championship Series.

Keuchel remained undefeated at Minute Maid Park with seven gutsy innings and Chris Carter homered Sunday, leading the Astros to a 4-2 win over the Kansas City Royals for a 2-1 edge in their Division Series.

The Astros could wrap up the best-of-five matchup with a win over the defending AL champions in Game 4 on Monday.

Houston's remarkable run comes just two years after the team lost a franchise-worst 111 games in a third-straight 100loss season.

"I think that success is a lot more sweet when you kind of go through hardship like we did the first couple years that I was up here," Keuchel said.

that has grown. It's been here the whole time ... just now that we're getting to the playoffs and on a national stage ... it's a shock to a lot of people."

Keuchel, who shut down the Yankees in the AL wild-card game, worked out of jam after jam, allowing five hits and one run with seven strikeouts after going 15-0 at home this season, a modern major league record. He has a 1.45 ERA at Minute Maid Park in 19 starts this year.

"The ball in Dallas Keuchel's hand brings an awful lot of confidence to a lot of people. Including me." Astros manager A.J. Hinch said. "And he came up with some excellent pitches."

Luke Gregerson gave up a leadoff homer in the ninth to Alex Gordon before finishing off the Astros first playoff game in Houston in 10 years with a four-out save. It was his first

three years.

Jason Castro drove in two runs with a single in the fifth that made it 2-1. Carlos Gomez, who has a rib muscle strain, started for the first time in the series and had an RBI single in

Carter's soaring solo homer, which landed on the train tracks atop the wall in left-center, and came on Danny Duffy's first pitch of the seventh pushed the lead to 4-1.

Carter, batting .199 in the regular season but .455 in the postseason, was a triple shy of the cycle for the Astros, who were hosting a playoff game for the first time since the 2005 World Series.

"After struggling so much this year and just having the success I've been having in the last couple of weeks, it's been nice to contribute and helps us

Lorenzo Cain hit a solo homer in the fourth for the Royals, who are on the brink of elimination after reaching the World Series last season.

Kansas City starter Edinson Volquez fell to 0-3 in his postseaand three runs in 5 2-3 innings.

They took the series lead in front of a rowdy, playoffstarved sellout crowd of 42,674. The group was mostly clad in orange and dotted with fans sporting fake beards in support of the star lefty who has become all but untouchable

They were given inflatable orange thundersticks at the door and spent the afternoon beating them as they cheered, making the roar in the closed-roof stadium deafening at times.

"Electric crowd, and it was 10 years coming," Keuchel said.

Keuchel wasn't as sharp as he was in New York, but he was able to tiptoe out of trouble again and again and got deep in the game despite a pitch count that got high early. He finished with a season-high 124 pitches.

"You get to this type of scenario and you don't capitalize, you get what happens today," son career by allowing five hits said Kansas City manager Ned Yost, who chose Keuchel to start for the AL in July's All-Star game.

The Astros scored three runs in the first two innings of both of the first two games, but couldn't get anything going early on Sunday.

Colby Rasmus, who homered in Houston's first three playoff games, got a kooky single in the eighth when his pop fly caromed off the ceiling and back into play.

The Astros' first hit didn't come until a single by Carter to start the third inning, but he was thrown out trying to stretch it into a double. Luis Valbuena drew a walk with one out in the fifth and Carter followed with the team's second hit, a liner to the left-field corner for a double. Castro got hit first hit of the postseason on two-strike groundball to center field to score them both to make it 2-1.

George Springer doubled to start Houston's sixth when Cain sprinted and dived to grab his flyball, but it bounced in and out of his glove and onto the ground. Cain slid across the warning track on his stomach and punched the wall in frustration when he got back to his feet.

Cain's first career homer in the postseason came when he launched the 10th pitch of the at-bat, a hanging 80 mph slider, into the seats in left field to start the fourth inning and make it

"We have to stay confident," Cain said. "See what happens tomorrow, come ready to go and give it our all."

## Suspended for rough slide, Utley known for playing hard

**ROB MAADDI** AP SPORTS WRITER



More than a dozen years ago, Chase Utley

put his head down and ran fast around the bases after lining a grand slam for his first career hit.

He hasn't stopped running and playing hard.

Utley goes all-out all the time, whether it's Game 2 of the NL Division Series or the second day of spring training. He only knows one way to play, and he's done it in every one of the 1,633 games he's played.

The six-time All-Star second baseman is an old-school ballplayer who avoids the spotlight and has never been confused for a look-at-me, bat-flipping showboat.

But now Utley finds himself in the middle of baseball's hottest controversy after his hard takeout slide broke New York Mets shortstop Ruben Tejada's right leg on Saturday night.

Major League Baseball suspended Utley for two playoff games, and his agent said he will appeal.

The Mets and Los Angeles Dodgers are tied at 1-all in the best-of-five NL Division Series. Game 3 is scheduled for Monday night at Citi Field, and it's possible Utley would've been in the starting lineup against ace Matt Harvey.

"A two-game suspension for a legal baseball play is outrageous and completely unacceptable. Chase did what all players are taught to do in this situation - break up the double play," agent Joel Wolfe said in a statement.

The disputed play angered Tejada's teammates and drew the wrath of Mets fans. The



slide has led to a polarizing debate about whether such slides are dirty or merely aggressive baseball.

Upon further review and facing mounting public pressure, MLB executive Joe Torre called it an illegal slide in issuing the penalty.

"That's a hard, clean play," Hall of Fame shortstop Cal Ripken Jr. said during the game

Many want MLB to change the rules to protect infielders the same way it did for catchers af-

with a 1 handicap, was a shot

back with a 77 net score and

13 points. She had rounds of 46

Kimiko Abe ended up with a

92 gross after rounds of 47 and

45. She had a 14 handicap for a

net score of 78 to earn 12 points.

daughter Yuko, fired 37 and 43

at the front and back for an 80

gross. She had a 79 net and 11

Dolores Yamagishi (48-46,

94) and Terry Guerrero (47-48,

95) ended up tied with 80s. Ya-

magishi had a 14 handicap for

points to complete the Top 5.

Veteran Noriko Togawa, who had a 1 handicap along with her

and 43 for an 89 gross.

ter Buster Posey was injured in a collision at the plate.

"They protect the catcher. I think they should protect us middle infielders as well," Houston Astros rookie shortstop Carlos Correa said.

Those who've watched Utley play this way his entire career believe him when he said: "I feel terrible that he was injured. I had no intent to hurt him whatsoever."

Several players and managers still in the postseason said they understood the play.

10 points, while Guerrero is a 15 handicapper with nine markers.

Matilde Hocog shot 51 and 45 for 96, and with a 14 handicap brought down her score to 82 for eight points, while Yuko Togawa (45-42, 87) was ninth with an 86 and seven points.

Anne Gillespie rounded up the list with a 59 and 64 for 123. She had a 36 handicap for an 87

Setsuko Ogura had rounds of 51 and 52 for 103. But the 24handicapper's 79 gross score did not qualify after she failed to submit her required scorecard

to secure six points.

for handicapping purposes.

Pasion De Amor 90 – Esdrelon 40, Demapan 21, C. Arreza

Hard Kulangot 75 - Barrios 21, De Dios 14, Ibanez 8, Pollisco 8, Cultura 4, Ebuen 4, Garcia 4.

49-36, 70-63, 90-75.

"I know he has the reputation of a guy who goes in hard," said Blue Jays pitcher R.A. Dickey, who played with Tejada on the Mets. "Ruben knows that. He knows that when Chase is on first, he had better watch out. As Chase's teammate, I would want to know that my guy's going in there to try to break it up in a playoff game as long as, you know, it wasn't cleat to the waist, right, and that he could touch the bag."

Utley defined a "dirty" slide as one where a player goes in "cleats high, hitting the guy before you hit the ground." He kept his spikes low, but his upper body was high and his face hit Tejada's leg after he started his slide late.

"You can see his first thought was to break up the double play.

ond in the eighth minute, while

James Kim lit up the board four

minutes earlier for MP United's

Edwin Kim made it 4-0 in the

57th minute, while Tenorio put

the finishing touches in MP Unit-

ed's rout of Paire with his pair of

**TAN** 

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3-0 halftime edge.

New York Mets shortstop Ruben Tejada, goes over the top of Los Angeles Dodgers' Chase Utley who broke up a double play during the seventh inning in Game 2 of baseball's National League Division Series, Saturday, Oct. 10, 2015 in Los Angeles.

That's what everybody will do, especially in the postseason," Rangers shortstop Elvis Andrus said.

The 36-year-old Utley made his big league debut in 2012 and is revered by Phillies fans for his hustle. He epitomized a gritty city that loves hard-nosed players. He might be the most popular player in Philadelphia sports history. A town notorious for its toughness never booed Utley no matter how badly he slumped.

"Chase is an iconic, generational player," former general manager Ruben Amaro Jr. said after the rebuilding Phillies traded Utley to the Dodgers in August.

His teammates, coaches and managers love and respect him. Some opponents (the Mets, obviously) don't share those feelings.

It wasn't the first time Utley slid hard into second. In September 2010, a similar play occurred when Utley, then with Philadelphia, tried to break up a double play involving Tejada.

After that game, Mets captain David Wright had harsh words for Utley.

Utley's style is more appreciated as a teammate than an opponent. He's an intense guy who never smiled on the field, but he displayed rare emotion when he thanked fans after he was traded to Los Angeles. He showed his softer side last December when he surprised a young woman battling cancer by visiting her on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show."

Utley didn't show much of a personality during his career with the Phillies, except for the time he used an expletive to accentuate his shout of joy at the team's World Series victory parade in 2008. He was former

apiece against Shirley's, which

#### played with only nine players. Tan Holdings-1 10,

Kanoa O

Tan Holdings completed a sweep in the opening week of the boys U15 age group after its first team whipped Kanoa.

Tan Holdings-1 had the game in the bag right at the end of the first half, leading at 7-0. Jonah Pohl secured the early win for

manager Charlie Manuel's favorite player, in large part because his work ethic rubbed off on younger teammates.

Utley helped lead the Phillies to five straight NL East titles, two NL pennants and one World Series championship between 2007-11. He hit 243 home runs for Philadelphia, including 10 in the postseason and five in the 2009 World Series against the

But the one play that cemented Utley in the hearts of Philadelphians came in 2006 when he scored from second on a bouncer to the pitcher in a game at Atlanta. It inspired beloved former broadcaster Harry Kalas to declare: "Chase Utley, you are the man!"

In New York, Utley is a wanted man.

#### ERRATUM



Yesterday's photo of Jonah Pohl in the story "Netter Lee earns back-to-back NMSA citation" on Page 28 turned out to be Jonathan Capayas. This is the correct photo of Pohl. We apologize for the error.

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#### **NFL STANDINGS**

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Miami	1	3	0	.250	65	10
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Indianapolis	3	2	0	.600	99	11
Tennessee	1	3	0	.250	102	91
Houston	1	4	0	200	97	13

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#### **BABAUTA**

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gross and with a US Golf Association handicap of 8, it gave her a 74 net to beat 10 other female par-busters.

Babauta, who started at the back, completed a two-shot win over runner-up Sherlyn Jones to also earn 15 points. She had rounds of 39 and 43.

Jones, a 12 handicapper, finished with 76 for 14 points. She had the lowest score at the back with 37 but crashed at the front with a 51 for that 88

Masayo Miyamoto, also

#### **PASION** From Page 28

De Dios left the court after scoring 14 points and Hard Kulangot was very much in the game down by just 4 points, 61-57. Pasion De Amor went on to stretch the lead to 7 at the end of the third canto with Esdrelon canning back-to-back triples.

The margin ballooned to twin digits in the fourth frame when Chris Arreza's guns were blazing in the opening minutes, as he drilled 9 of Pasion De Amor's first 11 markers. Hard Kulangot never made a serious comeback bid from thereon, while Esdrelon iced the win with another triple at the buzzer.

Meanwhile, Red Rice and Oh My J contested the last semis berth in the inaugural league and results of last Sunday's playoff match will be reported in Saipan Tribune's Wednesday edition. The four semifinalists

will battle for the two finals berth this weekend with the pairings to be determined via

15, Pestillas 8, N. Arreza 6.

Scoring by quarters: 23-19,

goals in the 68th and 73rd. Tan Holdings-2 17,

Shirley's FC O Tan Holdings-2 capitalized on shorthanded Shirley's FC for a lopsided victory.

Ten different players scored for Tan Holdings-2 with Taka Borja leading the way for the squad after nailing a hat-trick. Four other Tan Holdings-2 players chipped in at least two goals

his squad after tallying four goals in the opening half and three of them were in succes-Pohl added one more in the second half, while Emmanuel

Aniana also hit the board in the final 45 minutes of play to complete a hat-trick. Mark Esalan and Rico Roy Reyes contributed one goal apiece.

## NMIVA: Girls team reaches fundraising goal

By JON PEREZ

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Northern Mariana Islands Volleyball Association president Laurie Peterka happily announced that majority of the members of the girls team reached their goal of raising

funds for their upcoming trip to Guam.

The CNMI Girls All-Star team will be competing in the Guam Invitational Volleyball Tournament set in November. Their goal was to raise \$1,000 and most

of them reached their goal of amassing \$200 from pledges from generous donors.

The NMIVA held a fundraising activity from 10am to 4pm last Sunday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan beachside, which included a serving rally.

"An additional \$600 alone was collected from today's Sunday) activities. Not yet included was the serving rally done by the girls and some spectators," said Peterka.

Each participant in the serving rally will try to make as many serves as they can but the ball must go over the net and should be inside the playing court

Members of the girls team served overhead or a spike serve while it is anything goes for the spectators division.

A 5-minute time limit was assigned for both divisions while the spectators who joined the

serving rally paid \$5 each.

The serving rally was a brainchild of CNMI girls' All-Star coach Codie Sayles.

Adele Hudkins nipped teammate Knohlynn Gechig, 86-85, to win the

serving rally among the players. Gerard Van Gils had 191 to rule the spectators division, while Charnessa Lizama had 132 in the overhand category.

"There are people who are assigned to count the serves, but only the balls that went inside the court are counted," added Peterka.

Earlier, NMIVA also held a 4-aside co-ed beach volleyball tournament with Team Aloha composed of Lizama, Alfredo Guevarra, Mychael Omar, and Toni Yamada topping the competition after beating Underinflated in the finals.

Danica Camacho, Marcy Ann



Rangamar hopes to start youth league before year ends

Ermitanio, Julia Ishikawa, Emily Jones, Sabrina Pangelinan, Zarinae Sapong, and Jennifer Tan joined Gechig and Hudkins on the nine-member CNMI girls team with Sayles and Kathy

Winkfield as coaches.

NMIVA thanked Hyatt for their logistic support and gift certificates from Kili Café & Terrace; Gold's Gym Saipan for the 10-day passes, smoothie coupons, and T-shirts; and to the volunteers and supporters who helped in organizing the event.

In other news, Peterka said they are planning to hold a volleyball jamboree next month since the Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization's new season was put on hold after the Marianas High School Gymnasium was damaged by Typhoon Soudelor.

## OCA invites Pacific athletes to Turkmenistan

By JON PEREZ

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The CNMI and other Pacific island athletes are being invited by the Olympic Council

of Asia to compete in the 5th Asian Indoor and Marital Arts Games to be held in 2017 in the Central Asian nation of Turkmenistan.

Northern Marianas Sports Association president White

Mike White made the announcement in the sports group's monthly meeting last Thursday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium conference room.

White attended last month's 34th OCA General Assembly in Turkmenistan held at the capital Ashgabat on Sept. 15 and 16.

"It will be a higher level of com- OLYMPIC COMPETED PETITION, a lot higher than the Pacific Games and almost like the Olympics but it will be a great experience for each federation," said

White.

The AIMAG is the first OCA-organized event that Pacific island athletes will be competing in after Asia's governing sports body and the Oceania National Olympic Committees signed a memorandum of understanding last year allowing them to compete in future Asian Games.

OCA president Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, ONOC president Dr. Robin Mitchell, and Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games executive committee chair Dayanch Gulgeldiyev signed the MOU.

Al-Sabah said, after the

signing, that it would further increase the cooperation between Asia and Oceania while Mitchell welcomed the historic agreement that would give Oceania athletes the chance

to compete against

Asia's best.

Chess, futsal, tennis, Muay Thai, the Russian martial art sambo, Turkic wrestling kurash, jiu jitsu, bowling, track cycling, swimming, indoor athletics, weightlifting

ball, taekwondo, dance sport, kickboxing, belt wrestling, freestyle and Greco-Roman wrespic Council of Asia tling, and cue

sports (billiards and snookers) are the sports that will be offered in the 5th AIMAG.

Mixed martial arts fighters could join jiu jitsu, while the Saipan Bowling Association and the Saipan Billiards Association could also send delegates to the AIMAG.

It is not yet known if the 17 Pacific states and the seven associate members will be allowed to compete in the 2022 Asiad, which OCA is planning to move to 2023 since it coincides with the 2022 Tokyo Olympic Games.

## team with Sayles and Kathy for the 10-day passes, smoothie

Basketball Association of Northern Mariana Islands' Elias Rangamar said they are hoping to kick off the 2015 BANMI Youth League before the year ends.

"We will need to fix the roof of the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium before we can host basketball competitions, including our annual youth league," Rangamar said in a brief interview with *Saipan Tribune* last Saturday after playing for KB Market in the masters division of the 2015 San Antonio Community Action Network Basketball League.

The Ada Gym sustained damage from Typhoon Soudelor that struck Saipan last Aug. 2. The basketball court was flooded for several days and lost the covers of some vents. Some holes on the roof also got bigger, while the facility had broken windows, too.

With heavy rains repeatedly falling on Saipan after Typhoon Soudelor, Rangamar, his fellow Northern Marianas Sports Association staff, and its executive director, Tony Rogolifoi, repeatedly did clean-up work at the gym for more than two months.

"Hopefully, the leaking will be fixed by next month and we can start the youth league either late November of December," Rangamar added.

Last year, the BANMI youth caging kicked off in September with competitions in the U18 and U21 age groups.

The San Jose Ol'Aces took



the U18 championship after beating Kentucky Fried

Chicken, 95-85, with the now U.S.-based Kobee Mendoza towing the squad to the title victory. Men-

doza was later adjudged regular season and Finals MVP and added the scoring champion trophy to his collection.

In the U21 finale, the Sonics foiled the Ol'Aces' bid for a

sweep after pulling off a 66-60 triumph in the winner-takeall title duel.

Jack Aranda led the Sonics to the

championship and was named Finals MVP, while Mendoza, who also played for the Ol'Aces in the older age group, bagged the regular season MVP and scoring honors.

The Jason Lampkin-bannered Kagman notched the third place trophy in the U21 division after downing Dream Team in the consolation match, 91-85, while Rollers A had the same feat in the U18 age group following its 80-66 victory over the Chalan Kanoa Saints. (Roselyn B. Monroyo)



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# Pasion De Amor marches on

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asion De Amor knocked out Hard Kulangot, 90-75, last Saturday at the Navy Hill Court to enter the semifinals of the 2015 Blue Haus/IT&E Inter-Color Basketball League.



Pasion Amor now joins Makalaro Lang and Mamba to the next round. while Hard Kulangot went into the showers along with Purple

Elmer Esdrelon sizzled for 40 points in Pasion De Amor's

playoff win, as he waxed hot from downtown, firing six triples. He started and ended the match with shots from beyond the arc to lead all scorers. The Pasion De Amor team captain also got enough support from the returning Bart Demapan and Chris Arreza, who finished in double figures with 21 and 15, respectively.

Demapan, who missed Pasion De Amor's last game in the elimination round which could have given the squad the outright semis berth had it won over Oh My J, provided his

team the advantage in the paint, especially after Hard Kulangot big man Marlon De Dios was thrown out of the match.

De Dios was ejected from the game in the closing minutes of the third period after figuring in a fight against Pasion De Amor's Nestor Arreza. The two players were jockeying for position in the shaded lane for the rebound play when they got tangled up and threw a swing at each other. Nestor Arreza was also ejected from the playoff match.

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By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



ROSELYN B. MONROYO Tan Holdings FC's Junsik Kim shifts gears and is held on the arm by Paire FC's J.M. Abelinde during the second half of their boys U18 game in the NMIFA youth fall league last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.



MP United lost several key players this season due to graduation, but managed to win its opener, thanks to one goal apiece from Daniel Lim and club stalwart Clayton Izuka.

Lim made it to the board in the 13th minute, while Izuka, who is expected to lead MPU

this season with the departure Enrico Del Rosario, Scott Kim, John Taisacan, and Jehn Joyner, registered his goal in the 36th minute.

#### **BOYS U15** MP United 6, Paire 0

MP United was also victorious in the boys U15 division after downing Paire.

Sunjoon Tenorio and Michael Lee posted two goals each for MP United, which drew one apiece from James Kim and Edwin Kim. Lee found the back of the net right in the opening minute of the match and had his sec-

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Tan Holdings Football Club and MP United FC opened their campaigns in the 2015 NMIFA Youth Fall League on a positive note after shutting down their respective foes in the boys U18 division games last Saturday

at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

against Paire FC in the

opener and cruised to a 10-0 victory. Forward Sean Perez starred in the easy win after drilling four goals. Perez's teammate on the CNMI U19 National Team, Joel Fruit, added three goals, while Junsik Kim and Cosmos Kim contributed two and one, respectively.

Junsik, Cosmos, and Fruit tallied the first three goals for Tan Holdings in the opening half, as they scored in the 12th, 17th, and 21st minute in that order, while Perez started the second with back-to-back goals in

a span of three min-The 2015 spring champion Tan Holdings was paired

Northern utes, (58th and 61st minute) using his speed to elude Northern

Paire defenders chasing him. Fruit then logged two (65th and 72nd) of Tan Holdings' next three goals in the second half with Junsik (69th) recording the other one, while Perez closed out for the squad with his brace in the 74th and 75th minute.

In the second game, the de-

## Babauta is CWGA October winner



By JON PEREZ ion perez@saipantribune.com



Lorraine Babauta topped the CNMI Women's Golfers Association's October monthly golf

tournament held last Saturday at the Coral Ocean Golf Resort.

CWGA's next monthly tour is scheduled on Nov. 14 at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort' east course.

Babauta finished with an 82

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